

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 472

August 15, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives JESKEWITZ, SHERMAN, STARZYK, MILLER, LIPPERT, D. MEYER, WADE, OWENS, LADWIG, SYKORA, RYBA, OLSEN, GROTHMAN and STONE, cosponsored by Senators DARLING, HUELSMAN and ROESSLER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 755.02 of the statutes; **relating to:** terms of municipal judges.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a municipal court judge is elected at large for a term of two years unless the municipality has established a longer term of not to exceed four years. This bill requires all municipal court judges to be elected for four-year terms.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

2 **SECTION 1.** 755.02 of the statutes is amended to read:

3 **755.02 Term.** The judges shall be elected at large for a term of ~~2~~ 4 years ~~unless~~
4 ~~a longer term, not exceeding 4 years, is provided by ordinance or bylaw.~~ The term
5 shall commence on May 1 of the year of the judge's election.

6 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

7 (1) This act first applies to elections held on the effective date of this subsection.

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