

## 2003 SENATE BILL 425

February 3, 2004 – Introduced by Senator ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives UNDERHEIM, OLSEN, MUSSER and McCORMICK. Referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Veterans and Military Affairs and Government Reform.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 59.35 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** the number of deputy  
2     coroners that may be appointed by a coroner.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, within ten days after taking office, a coroner may appoint up to six deputy coroners. A person appointed deputy coroner for a regular term or to fill a vacancy holds office at the coroner's pleasure. Under this bill, a coroner may appoint any number of persons deputy coroner.

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

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

3     **SECTION 1.** 59.35 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

4     **59.35 (1)** Within 10 days after entering upon the duties of the office, the coroner  
5     may appoint ~~up to 6~~ any number of proper persons, who are residents of the county,  
6     deputy coroner. The deputies shall reside in the county for which they are appointed.  
7     The coroner may fill vacancies in the office of any such appointees, and may appoint

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1 a person to take the place of any deputy who becomes incapable of executing the  
2 duties of the office. A person appointed deputy coroner for a regular term or to fill  
3 a vacancy or otherwise shall hold office during the pleasure of the coroner. Every  
4 appointment of a deputy coroner and every revocation of an appointment shall be in  
5 writing and filed and recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court. In case  
6 of a vacancy in the office of coroner, the chief deputy coroner shall in all things and  
7 with like liabilities and penalties execute the duties of the office until the vacancy  
8 is filled as provided by law.

9 **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

10 (1) This act first applies to a coroner who takes office on the effective date of  
11 this subsection.

12 (END)