

2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 518

September 11, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives FREESE, ALBERS, BIES, HAHN, HINES, KRAWCZYK, KREIBICH, LADWIG, M. LEHMAN, OWENS and SERATTI, cosponsored by Senators KEDZIE, BRESKE and STEPP. Referred to Committee on Campaigns and Elections.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 7.03 (1) (a) and 7.31 (1) and (5) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 requirements for certification for a chief inspector position.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Currently, no person may serve as a chief inspector (chief poll worker) at any polling place in this state unless that person is certified by the state Elections Board as qualified to hold that position. To ensure that candidates for chief inspector positions are qualified, the board must prescribe requirements for certification, which must include training programs and administration of examinations to applicants for these positions. Previously certified inspectors must also participate in these programs to maintain their certifications.

This bill provides that the requirements prescribed by the board for certification as a chief inspector shall not include taking an examination. Under the bill, municipal governing bodies retain the authority to administer examinations to all applicants for election official positions.

For further information see the *state* 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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 7.03 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

