

## 2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 263

AN ACT *to amend* 59.21 (1) (intro.), 61.22 and 62.09 (4) (b) of the statutes;  
**relating to:** changing the bonding requirements for city, village, and county  
officers.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

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

1       **SECTION 1.** 59.21 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:  
2       59.21 **(1)** (intro.) Each county officer named in this chapter, except county  
3       supervisors, shall execute and file an official bond and take and file the official oath  
4       within 20 days after receiving official notice of election or appointment, or if not  
5       officially notified, within 20 days after the commencement of the term for which the  
6       officer is elected or appointed, or the board may provide a schedule or blanket bond  
7       that includes any or all of these officials, except county supervisors. Every county

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1 supervisor shall take and file the official oath within 20 days after receiving official  
2 notice of election or appointment, or if not officially notified, within 20 days after the  
3 commencement of the term for which he or she is elected or appointed. Every deputy  
4 appointed by any such officer shall take and file the official oath and if the deputy  
5 neglects to do so, he or she shall forfeit \$100. ~~Such~~ If the board does not provide a  
6 schedule or blanket bond, the official bonds shall be in sums and with sureties, as  
7 follows:

8 **SECTION 2.** 61.22 of the statutes is amended to read:

9 **61.22 Official bonds; officers not to be sureties.** Every bond required of  
10 a village officer shall be executed with sufficient sureties in a sum fixed by the village  
11 board when not otherwise prescribed and be approved by the president. Whenever  
12 the village board deems any bond insufficient they may require an additional bond  
13 to be executed and filed in a sum and within a time not less than 10 days, to be fixed  
14 by them. The village board may provide a schedule or blanket bond that includes any  
15 or all village officers or officials.

16 **SECTION 3.** 62.09 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 62.09 (4) (b) The treasurer, comptroller, chief of police and such others as the  
18 statutes or the council may direct, shall execute and file an official bond in such sum  
19 as the council may determine, with 2 or more sureties or such bond may be furnished  
20 by a surety company as provided by s. 632.17 (2), or the council may provide a  
21 schedule or blanket bond that includes any or all of these officials. The council may  
22 at any time require new and additional bonds of an officer. All official bonds must  
23 be approved by the mayor, and when so approved shall be filed within 10 days after  
24 the officer executing the same shall have been notified of election or appointment.

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1 Official bonds filed with the city clerk shall be recorded in a book kept for that  
2 purpose.

3 (END)