

2003 SENATE BILL 559

April 5, 2004 – Introduced by LAW REVISION COMMITTEE. Referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Veterans and Military Affairs and Government Reform.

1 **AN ACT relating to:** revising various provisions of the statutes for the purpose
2 of correcting errors and supplying omissions (Revisor's Correction Bill).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This revisor's correction bill revises section 59.20 (2) of the statutes to take into account the amendment of Article VI, Section 4 (1), and the creation of Article VI, Section 4 (3) (c), of the Wisconsin Constitution, which changed the term of office for sheriffs from two to four years.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 59.20 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 59.20 (2) (a) and amended
4 to read:

5 59.20 (2) (a) ~~A~~ Except as provided in par. (c), a county clerk, treasurer, sheriff,
6 coroner, clerk of circuit court, register of deeds, and surveyor, who shall be a
7 registered land surveyor, shall be elected in each county for full terms at the general
8 election held in each even-numbered year. The regular term of office of each such

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1 officer shall commence on the first Monday of January next succeeding his or her
2 election and shall continue 2 years and until his or her successor qualifies.

3 (c) In lieu of electing a surveyor in any county, the board may, by resolution,
4 designate that the duties under ss. 59.45 (1) and 59.74 (2) be performed by any
5 registered land surveyor employed by the county. ~~In~~ Except as provided in par. (b),
6 in any county containing one town only, the county board may, by resolution,
7 designate any county office a part-time position, combine 2 or more county offices,
8 and, if concurred in by the town board, combine the offices of county clerk and town
9 clerk and any other county and town offices, provided that the offices combined are
10 not incompatible and the combination is not expressly forbidden by law. If the town
11 board so concurs, the election may be for the combined office and no separate election
12 for the town office shall be held until after the county board has by resolution decided
13 to abandon the combination and the town board has concurred by resolution. In
14 counties having a population of 500,000 or more, no county coroner or county
15 surveyor may be elected. In any county in which a medical examiner system is
16 instituted, no coroner may be elected.

17 **SECTION 2.** 59.20 (2) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

18 59.20 (2) (b) A sheriff shall be elected for each county at the general election
19 in 2002 and quadrennially thereafter. The regular term of the office of sheriff
20 commences on the first Monday in January next succeeding the sheriff's election and
21 shall continue 4 years and until his or her successor qualifies.

22 (END)