## **2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 1066**

February 27, 2006 – Introduced by Representatives Sherman, Ainsworth and Musser, cosponsored by Senator Grothman. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

- 1 AN ACT *to amend* 60.77 (7) of the statutes; **relating to:** increasing the contract
- 2 amount of a contract in which a town sanitary district commissioner may have 3 an interest.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the salary of a town sanitary district commissioner (commissioner) is set by the town board of the town with the largest portion of equalized value of all taxable property in the town sanitary district. Also under current law, a commissioner is required to let contracts, to the lowest responsible bidder, for any work or purchase that involves an expenditure of at least \$15,000, and a commissioner may not have an interest in a contract involving the town sanitary district unless the interest is in a contract not exceeding \$1,000 in any one year.

The salary of an elective town officer is set, under current law, by the town meeting, and such an officer who is also an employee of the town may be paid an additional hourly wage for serving as a town employee in an amount of up to \$5,000 annually.

This bill increases from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the maximum value of a contract in which a commissioner may have an interest by linking the value to the maximum additional hourly wage that a town may pay an elective town officer who is also a town employee.

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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:

**SECTION 1.** 60.77 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

60.77 (7) Interest in contracts; penalty. No commissioner may have an interest, directly or indirectly, in a contract with, work or labor done for or material furnished to the town sanitary district or to anyone on the district's behalf, unless the interest is in a contract not exceeding \$1,000 the dollar amount specified in s. 60.37 (4) (a) in any one year or in the publication of required legal notices by the district or a commissioner if the publication rate does not exceed the rate prescribed by law. A commissioner who violates this subsection shall forfeit not less than \$50 nor more than \$500.

### **SECTION 2. Initial applicability.**

(1) This act first applies to a town sanitary district contract that is let on the effective date of this subsection.

13 (END)