

2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 904

1 AN ACT *to amend* 60.62 (4) (a); and *to create* 60.62 (4) (d) of the statutes;
2 relating to: changing the method of appointing members to a town plan
3 commission.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

4 SECTION 1. 60.62 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
5 60.62 (4) (a) Notwithstanding ss. 61.35 and 62.23 (1) (a), a town with a
6 population of less than 2,500 that acts under this section may create a “Town Plan
7 Commission” under s. 62.23 (1) (a) that has 5 members, all of whom shall be
8 appointed by the town board chairperson, who subject to confirmation by the town
9 board. The town chairperson shall also select the presiding officer. The town board
10 chairperson may appoint ~~himself or herself~~ town board members to the commission

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1 and may appoint other town elected or appointed officials to the commission, except
2 that the commission shall always have at least one citizen member who is not a town
3 official. Appointees to the town plan commission may be removed only by a majority
4 vote of the town board. All other provisions of ss. 61.35 and 62.23 shall apply to a
5 town plan commission that has 5 members.

6 **SECTION 2.** 60.62 (4) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

7 60.62 (4) (d) Notwithstanding ss. 61.35 and 62.23 (1) (a), if a town with a
8 population of at least 2,500 acts under this section and creates a “Town Plan
9 Commission” under s. 62.23 (1) (a), all members of the commission shall be appointed
10 by the town board chairperson, subject to confirmation by the town board. The town
11 chairperson shall also select the presiding officer. The town board chairperson may
12 appoint town board members to the commission and may appoint other town elected
13 or appointed officials to the commission, except that the commission shall always
14 have at least 3 citizen members who are not town officials. Appointments shall be
15 made by the town board chairperson during the month of April for terms that expire
16 in April or at any other time if a vacancy occurs during the middle of a term except
17 that the appointees to the town plan commission may be removed before the
18 expiration of the appointee’s term by a majority vote of the town board. All other
19 provisions of ss. 61.35 and 62.23 shall apply to a town plan commission to which this
20 paragraph applies.

21 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

22 (1) This act first applies to a vacancy on a town plan commission that occurs
23 on the effective date of this subsection.

24 (END)