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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ...  
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2005-06

(session year)

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(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on ... Veterans, Homeland Security,  
Military Affairs, Small Business and Government  
Reform (SC-VHSMASBGR)

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## Senate

### Record of Committee Proceedings

#### **Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform**

##### **Senate Bill 63**

Relating to: expanding the authority of villages to create combined protective services departments.

By Senator Cowles; cosponsored by Representative Montgomery.

February 15, 2005      Referred to Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform.

March 23, 2005      **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:    (4)      Senators Brown, Zien, Breske and Wirch.  
Absent:    (0)      None.  
Excused:   (1)      Senator Kanavas.

##### Appearances For

- Rob Cowles — State Senator, 2nd Senate District
- Norbert DeCleene, Ashwaubenon — Village Board President, Ashwaubenon Village Board
- Gary Wieczorek, Ashwaubenon — Public Safety Director, Ashwaubenon Public Safety
- Donald Penza, Green Bay — Ashwaubenon Public Safety

##### Appearances Against

- None.

##### Appearances for Information Only

- None.

##### Registrations For

- Phil Montgomery — State Representative, 4th Assembly District
- Ramie Leonard, Madison — Dane County Cities and Villages Association (DCCUA)
- Ed Huck, Madison — Wisconsin Alliance of Cities

##### Registrations Against

- David Bloom, Madison — Chief, WI State Fire Chiefs Association

March 23, 2005

**EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas, Breske and  
Wirch.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Breske, seconded by Senator Wirch that **Senate  
Bill 63** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (5) Senators Brown, Zien, Kanavas, Breske and  
Wirch.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 5, Noes 0



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Daniel Lindstedt  
Committee Clerk

SENATE BILL 63 (LRB -2032)

An Act to amend 61.66 (1) (intro.) of the statutes; relating to: expanding the authority of villages to create combined protective services departments.

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- 02-15. S. Introduced by Senator **Cowles**; cosponsored by Representative **Montgomery**.
- 02-15. S. Read first time and referred to committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform ..... 82
- 02-22. S. Fiscal estimate received.
- 03-23. S. Public hearing held.
- 03-23. S. Executive action taken.
- 04-01. S. Report passage recommended by committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business and Government Reform, Ayes 5, Noes 0 ..... 143
- 04-01. S. Available for scheduling.
- 04-06. S. Placed on calendar 4-12-2005 by committee on Senate Organization. .... 163
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**Vote Record**  
**Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs,**  
**Small Business and Government Reform**

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Moved by: Breske

Seconded by: Wirch

AB \_\_\_\_\_ SB 63 Clearinghouse Rule \_\_\_\_\_  
 AJR \_\_\_\_\_ SJR \_\_\_\_\_ Appointment \_\_\_\_\_  
 AR \_\_\_\_\_ SR \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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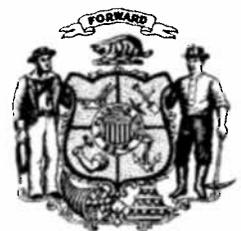
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  - Introduction       Rejection       Tabling       Nonconcurrence

<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
<b>Senator Ronald Brown, Chair</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator David Zien</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Senator Ted Kanavas</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion Carried       Motion Failed



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



**ROBERT L. COWLES**  
Wisconsin State Senator • 2nd Senate District

**Senator Cowles Testimony Regarding AB 94/SB 63**  
**Senate Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security, Military Affairs, Small Business & Government Reform**  
**March 23, 2005**

Good Afternoon Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I will be testifying in favor of SB 63, a bill to allow the village of Ashwaubenon to be able to maintain its combined emergency services department.

I am the Senate author of this bill, and it is my aim to ensure the residents and taxpayers keep their combined public safety department regardless of the village's population. The result of this consolidation in Ashwaubenon has been "life-saving" cross-training for better emergency response and a savings of 20 to 25 percent over the cost of separate emergency services departments.

The village of Ashwaubenon, with a growing population of nearly 18,000, is the only community in the state that provides police, fire and emergency services under a single Public Safety Department. Current law mandates villages over 20,000 residents, who do did not have a combined protective services department created prior to January 1, 1987 (Ashwaubenon is the only village to meet this criteria in the state), to have individual police and fire departments.

Combining police and fire departments is an effective way to safe taxpayer dollars while enhancing police and fire protection. State law should encourage, not discourage, local governments to streamline emergency services to provide taxpayers with high-quality, cost-efficient services. And this bill is not intended to impede efforts for county-wide consolidated services that might be in our future.

Communities should determine for themselves how to best provide police and fire protection. Ashwaubenon's Public Safety Department has been operating for 25 years. It doesn't make sense for the state break-up this Department when our population eclipses 20,000 residents.

The 2001 Kettl Commission report entitled "Partnership for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" identified cross-training police and fire officers as a means to improve government efficiency.

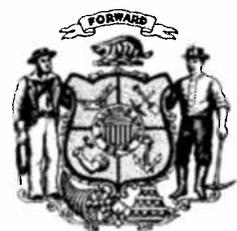
The Village of Ashwaubenon Board of Trustees established the now present Ashwaubenon Department of Public Safety in 1980. The department is comprised of over 80 full and part-time personnel, according to the village website.

AB 94/SB 63 simply maintains the status quo for Ashwaubenon. This bill does not affect any other municipality in Wisconsin.

I thank you for time and attention in consideration of this bill. I can answer any questions that you have at this time.



# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



# 2005 SENATE BILL 63

Introduced by Senator COWLES, cosponsored by Representative MONTGOMERY.

AN ACT *to amend* 61.66 (1) (intro.) of the statutes; relating to: *expanding the authority of villages to create combined protective services departments.*

## ***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Generally under current law, a village with a population of at least 5,000 is required to provide police protection services by creating its own police department, by contracting for police protection services with a city, village, or town, or by creating a joint police department with another city, village, or town.

Also under current law, in general, a village with a population of at least 5,500 is required to provide fire protection services by creating its own fire department, by contracting for fire protection services with a city, village, or town, or by creating a joint fire department with another city, village, or town.

Current law also authorizes a village with a population of less than 20,000 to provide police and fire protection services in one of two additional ways.

The first way is by using a combined protective services department, which is neither a police department nor a fire department; which was created before January 1, 1987; and in which the same person may be required to perform police protection and fire protection duties, subject to some limitations on consecutive hours that may be worked in police protection.

The second way is by requiring persons in a police department or fire department, alone or in combination with persons designated as police officers or fire fighters, to perform police protection and fire protection duties, subject to some limitations on consecutive hours that may be worked in police protection.

In either case, the village may designate any person required to perform police protection and fire protection duties as primarily a police officer or fire fighter for purposes related to presumptions related to certain employment-related diseases.

- The bill removes the population limitation on villages such that any village that created a protective services department before January 1, 1987, may use a combined protective services department and may require persons in a police department or fire department to perform police protection and fire protection duties.

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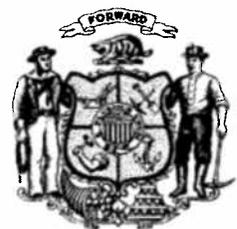
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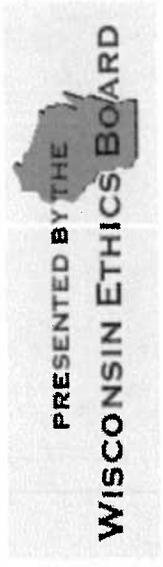
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- 02-22-05. S. Fiscal estimate received.



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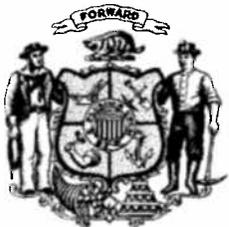
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Follow-up

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Manthey ~~in Hartigan~~  
for folks who testified.

- see if we can  
get extra copies  
of hand outs  
from 2<sup>nd</sup> guy.