



2007 SENATE BILL 533

February 25, 2008 - Introduced by Senators LASSA, SCHULTZ and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives LOTHIAN, GRONEMUS, NYGREN, SEIDEL, BIES, ALBERS, BALLWEG, KREUSER, SHERIDAN, STEINBRINK and VRUWINK. Referred to Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 59.22 (1) (a) 1. of the statutes; **relating to:** adjusting the
2 method used to set compensation levels of certain county constitutional officers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Generally under current law a county board is required to establish the total annual compensation level for services to be paid to elective county officials, other than supervisors and circuit judges. The compensation level must be set before the earliest filing deadline for nomination papers for any elective county office.

This compensation level may not be increased or decreased during the officer's term and remains constant unless changed by the county board. With regard to certain county constitutional officers (the sheriff, coroner, register of deeds, clerk, clerk of court, treasurer, and surveyor), who are elected to four-year terms, current law allows their compensation to be adjusted every four years.

Under this bill, for county constitutional officers, the county board must adjust the compensation level annually based on the average adjustment in the compensation given to all county department heads in the year immediately preceding the current year.

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:

