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2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 561

November 10, 2009 – Introduced by Law Revision Committee. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

AN ACT *to amend* 73.09 (4) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** eliminating the notary requirement for assessor certification renewal (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department of Revenue).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Revenue (DOR) establishes the education and examination requirements for the certification of a local property assessor. An assessor may be certified at various levels and the certification period is five years. Individuals may be recertified by examination or by attendance at four of the previous five annual meetings held by DOR and by meeting DOR's continuing education requirement. Also under current law, recertification is contingent upon submission by the assessor of a notarized application of renewal at least 60 days before the expiration of the assessor's current certificate.

This bill eliminates the requirement that the application for renewal must be notarized.

For further information, see the $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Notes}}$ provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

Law Revision Committee prefatory note: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Revenue and introduced by the Law Revision

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Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

SECTION 1. 73.09 (4) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

73.09 **(4)** (c) Recertification is contingent upon submission of <u>a notarized an</u> application for renewal, at least 60 days before the expiration date of the current certificate, attesting to the completion of the requirements specified in par. (b). Persons applying for renewal on the basis of attendance at the meetings called by the department under s. 73.06 (1) and by meeting continuing education requirements shall submit a \$20 recertification fee with their applications.

Note: The Department of Revenue indicates that it is able to accurately evaluate whether an assessor has completed the training required for recertification and, therefore, notarization is an unnecessary and inconvenient extra step for assessors renewing their certification. The department further indicates that eliminating the notarization requirement will have no administrative or fiscal effect on the department.

SECTION 2. Initial applicability.

(1) This act first applies to an application for renewal that is submitted on the effective date of this subsection.

11 (END)