



2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 60

March 24, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives VAN ROY, JACQUE, WYNN, KERKMAN, SPANBAUER, PETERSEN, LEMAHIEU, RIVARD, BROOKS, SINICKI and STRACHOTA, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, HOLPERIN, GALLOWAY, LASSA and HANSEN. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 45.81 (2) and 59.21 (1) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:**
2 individuals and officers who may be covered by a county blanket bond.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, county officers, other than county supervisors, must execute and file an official bond in an amount specified by statute, or the county board may provide a schedule or blanket bond that includes any or all of the officials who are specified by statute, including the county clerk, treasurer, sheriff, clerk of circuit court, coroner, and register of deeds.

Also under current law, each member of a county veterans service commission and a county veterans service officer must execute to the county an individual surety bond. This bill authorizes the members of such a commission and a county veterans service officer to be included in a county's blanket bond.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 45.81 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 45.81 (2) The commission shall be organized by the election of one of their
5 number as chairperson. The county executive or county board chairperson in a

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1 county that does not have a county executive after the expiration of the terms of those
2 first appointed shall annually on or before the 2nd Monday in December appoint one
3 person as a member of the commission for the term of 3 years. The Except as provided
4 in s. 59.21 (1) (intro.), the county executive or county board chairperson shall require
5 each member of the commission and the county veterans service officer to execute to
6 the county an individual surety bond, with sufficient sureties to be approved by the
7 county executive or county board chairperson, each bond to be in an amount equal
8 to the tax levied in the current year for expenditure by the commission. Each bond
9 shall be filed with the county clerk.

10 **SECTION 2.** 59.21 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 59.21 **(1)** (intro.) Each county officer named in this chapter, except county
12 supervisors, shall execute and file an official bond and take and file the official oath
13 within 20 days after receiving official notice of election or appointment, or if not
14 officially notified, within 20 days after the commencement of the term for which the
15 officer is elected or appointed, or the board may provide a schedule or blanket bond
16 that includes any or all of these officials, except county supervisors, and a blanket
17 bond may also include members of a county veterans service commission under s.
18 45.81 (1) and a county veterans service officer under s. 45.81 (2). Every county
19 supervisor shall take and file the official oath within 20 days after receiving official
20 notice of election or appointment, or if not officially notified, within 20 days after the
21 commencement of the term for which he or she is elected or appointed. Every deputy
22 appointed by any such officer shall take and file the official oath and if the deputy
23 neglects to do so, he or she shall forfeit \$100. If the board does not provide a schedule
24 or blanket bond, the official bonds shall be in sums and with sureties, as follows:

25 (END)