

1977 Assembly Bill 720

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CHAPTER 263, Laws of 1977

AN ACT to amend 60.19 (1) (a) and (5) of the statutes, relating to appointment of town assessors.

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

SECTION 1. 60.19 (1) (a), as affected by chapter 29, laws of 1977, and (5) of the statutes are amended to read:

60.19 (1) (a) Biennially, in the odd-numbered years, at the annual town meeting each town shall elect the following officers: 3 supervisors except when the number of supervisors has been increased under par. (am), one of whom shall be designated on the

ballots as chairman, a town clerk, a treasurer, an assessor (the number of assistant assessors for which the town board before ~~such~~ the election made provisions), if election of the assessor is provided, and so many constables, not exceeding 3, as were ordered by the last preceding annual town meeting. No person not an elector of the town may hold any town office, except that the town may appoint a corporation as an assistant to the assessor under s. 70.05 (2), or employ a corporation or the department of revenue as expert help under s. 70.055, or the town board may appoint a person who is not an elector of the town under sub. (2) or (5), and no person may hold the offices of treasurer and assessor at the same time. The electors may at a referendum election held at the time of any regular or special election, vote to combine the offices of assessor and clerk to take effect at the expiration of the current terms of such officers. No assessor may be elected in towns appointing such officers under civil service under subs. (2) and (3) and no assessor may be elected in any town after the town comes within the jurisdiction of a county assessor under s. 70.99. The corporation or the department of revenue appointed under s. 70.055 shall designate the person who shall serve with the assessor as the assessment board. The designee shall file the official oath as prescribed in s. 19.01, and sign the affidavit of the assessor attached to the assessment roll under s. 70.49. No person may be designated by any corporation or the department of revenue unless the person has been granted the appropriate certification under s. 73.03 (2).

(5) In lieu of the referendum procedure under subs. (2) and (3) (a), the electors at a town meeting may authorize the town board to select assessors by appointment. The authorizing resolution shall prescribe the minimum time period during which the town board's authority shall not be terminated and the method by which the authority may be terminated. The selection and determination of the number of assessors and assistant assessors shall be in the manner prescribed in subs. (2) and (3) (b) and (c).
