

CHAPTER 149 , Laws of 1981

AN ACT to amend 19.59 (3) (c) of the statutes, relating to the penalty for failure of local public officials to disclose economic interests (suggested as remedial legislation by the ethics board).

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 ethics board, and introduced by the law revision committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4 of the statutes. After careful consideration of the provisions of this bill, the law revision committee has determined that this bill makes remedial changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable to maintain the accuracy and usefulness of the statutes.

SECTION 1. 19.59 (3) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

19.59 (3) (c) A provision directing the county or municipal treasurer to withhold the payment of salaries or expenses from any public official or employe who fails to disclose his or her economic interests in accordance with the requirements of the ordinance.

NOTE: Currently, s. 19.59 (3) (c) of the statutes authorizes a county or municipality to include in its ethics code a provision directing the county or municipal treasurer to withhold the payment of salaries or expenses from any employe who fails to disclose his or her economic interests in accordance with the requirements of the ordinance establishing the ethics code. This bill clarifies the current statute, by explicitly providing that the salaries or expenses of public officials may be withheld for failure to disclose their economic interests.
