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## 2011 SENATE BILL 30

March 7, 2011 - Introduced by Senators VUKMIR, WANGGAARD and LAZICH, cosponsored by Representatives KRAMER, KUGLITSCH and HONADEL. Referred to Committee on Labor, Public Safety, and Urban Affairs.

1     **AN ACT to renumber** 62.53; **to amend** 62.53 (title) and 63.25 (1) (a); and **to**  
2             **create** 62.53 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** placing limits on residency  
3             requirements for 1st class city police officers and fire fighters.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, a 1st class city (presently only Milwaukee) is required to have a civil service commission which is required to make rules to carry out the purposes specified in state statutes. One of the statutes requires that the city provide competitive examinations to test applicants for employment as to their practical fitness to perform the duties of the position for which they have applied. The examinations must be public and free, and may contain proper limitations in areas including residence, age and health.

Under this bill, if a 1st class city has residency requirements for its employees who are police officers or fire fighters, the residency requirement must at least allow such individuals to live in the county in which the 1st class city is entirely or predominantly located and in any county that is adjacent to the county in which the city is entirely or predominantly located.

For further information see the **local** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

**SENATE BILL 30****SECTION 1**

1           **SECTION 1.** 62.53 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           **62.53 (title) Residency required for public officials in 1st class cities;**  
3           **limits on police and fire residency requirements in 1st class cities.**

4           **SECTION 2.** 62.53 of the statutes is renumbered 62.53 (1).

5           **SECTION 3.** 62.53 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

6           **62.53 (2)** If a 1st class city imposes a residency requirement on police officers  
7           or fire fighters, the residency requirement shall at least allow the police officers and  
8           fire fighters to live in all of the following:

9           (a) The county in which the 1st class city is entirely or predominantly located.

10           (b) Any county that that is adjacent to the county in which the first class city  
11           is entirely or predominantly located.

12           **SECTION 4.** 63.25 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           **63.25 (1)** (a) For open, competitive examinations and for other examinations  
14           by which to test applicants for office or for employment as to their practical fitness  
15           to discharge the duties of the positions which they desire to fill, which examinations  
16           shall be public and free to all persons with proper limitations as to residence, age,  
17           health subject to s. 62.53 (2); age; health; and, subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and  
18           111.335, arrest and conviction record.

19           **SECTION 5. Initial applicability.**

20           (1) This act first applies to the imposition of any residency requirement for a  
21           police officer or fire fighter who is an employee of a first class city who is covered by  
22           a collective bargaining agreement that is in effect on the effective date of this  
23           subsection upon the expiration, extension, renewal, or modification of the  
24           agreement.

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