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2017 ASSEMBLY BILL 168

March 20, 2017 – Introduced by Representatives R. BROOKS, TUSLER, BRANDTJEN, E. BROOKS, DUCHOW, HORLACHER, KREMER, KULP, MURSAU, SKOWRONSKI, STEFFEN, WEATHERSTON, PETRYK and SPIROS, cosponsored by Senators STROEBEL, KAPENGA, NASS and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Local Government.

AN ACT to amend 61.25 (intro.), 61.26 (1), 61.28 (1), 61.29 (1) (a), 62.09 (4) (b), 66.0609 (4), 755.03 (1) and 755.03 (2) of the statutes; relating to: changing the requirement that certain city and village officials must execute and file an official bond.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, with regard to a city treasurer, comptroller, chief of police, municipal judge, and other officials as the common council may direct, such officers are required to execute and file an official bond only if the common council directs them to do so. Similarly under the bill, a village clerk, treasurer, marshal, municipal judge, and constable are required to execute and file an official bond only if the village board directs them to do so. If a city or village does not require an official to execute and file an official bond, the bill requires the governmental body to obtain an insurance policy that covers the official. Under current law, these city and village officials are required to execute and file an official bond.

For further information see the *state and 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:

SECTION 1. 61.25 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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1	61.25 Clerk. (intro.) The <u>If required to do so by the village board, the</u> village
2	clerk shall execute and file an official bond. <u>If the village board does not require the</u>
3	clerk to execute and file an official bond, the board shall obtain a dishonesty
4	insurance policy or other appropriate insurance policy that covers the clerk, in an
5	amount determined by the board, in lieu of the bond requirement. It shall be the
6	village clerk's duty:
7	SECTION 2. 61.26 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
8	61.26 (1) Execute If required to do so by the village board, execute and file an
9	official bond which may be furnished by a surety company as provided by s. 632.17
10	(2). If the village board does not require the treasurer to execute and file an official
11	bond, the board shall obtain a dishonesty insurance policy or other appropriate
12	insurance policy that covers the treasurer, in an amount determined by the board,
13	in lieu of the bond requirement.
14	SECTION 3. 61.28 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
15	61.28 (1) The If required to do so by the village board, the village marshal shall
16	execute and file an official bond. <u>If the village board does not require the marshal</u>
17	to execute and file an official bond, the board shall obtain a dishonesty insurance
18	policy or other appropriate insurance policy that covers the marshal, in an amount
19	determined by the board, in lieu of the bond requirement. The marshal shall possess
20	the powers, enjoy the privileges and be subject to the liabilities conferred and
21	imposed by law upon constables, and be taken as included in all writs and papers
22	addressed to constables. The marshal shall obey all lawful written orders of the
23	village board. The marshal is entitled to the same fees prescribed for sheriffs in s.
24	814.70 for similar services, unless a higher fee is applicable under s. 814.705 (1) (c);
25	for other service rendered the village, compensation as the board fixes.

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1	SECTION 4. 61.29 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
2	61.29 (1) (a) Execute If required to do so by the village board, execute and file
3	an official bond. <u>If the village board does not require the constable to execute and</u>
4	file an official bond, the board shall obtain a dishonesty insurance policy or other
5	appropriate insurance policy that covers the constable, in an amount determined by
6	<u>the board, in lieu of the bond requirement.</u>
7	SECTION 5. 62.09 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
8	62.09 (4) (b) The If the council requires them to do so, the treasurer,
9	comptroller, chief of police and such others as the statutes or the council may direct,
10	shall execute and file an official bond in such sum as the council may determine, with
11	2 or more sureties or such bond may be furnished by a surety company as provided
12	by s. 632.17 (2), or the council may provide a schedule or blanket bond that includes
13	any or all of these officials. The council may at any time require new and additional
14	bonds of an officer. All official bonds must be approved by the mayor, and when so
15	approved shall be filed within 10 days after the officer executing the same shall have
16	been notified of election or appointment. Official bonds filed with the city clerk shall
17	be recorded in a book kept for that purpose. <u>If the council does not require any or all</u>
18	of these officials to execute and file an official bond, the council shall obtain a
19	dishonesty insurance policy or other appropriate insurance policy that covers such
20	officials, in an amount determined by the council, in lieu of the bond requirement.
21	SECTION 6. 66.0609 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.0609 (4) The system under sub. (1) is operative only if the comptroller or clerk is covered by a fidelity bond <u>or insurance policy</u> of not less than \$5,000 in villages and 4th class cities, of not less than \$10,000 in 3rd class cities, and of not less than \$20,000 in 2nd class cities, as described in s. 61.25 (intro.) or 62.09 (4) (b). 2017 – 2018 Legislature

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1	SECTION 7. 755.03 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
2	755.03 (1) The judge shall, after election or appointment, take and file the
3	official oath as prescribed in s. 757.02 (1) and at the same time <u>, if required to do so</u>
4	by a city's or village's governing body, execute and file an official bond in an amount
5	to be fixed by the governing body. <u>If the governing body does not require the judge</u>
6	to execute and file an official bond, the governing body shall obtain a dishonesty
7	insurance policy or other appropriate insurance policy that covers the judge, in an
8	amount fixed by the governing body, in lieu of the bond requirement. The governing
9	body shall pay the costs of the bond <u>or insurance policy</u> . No judge may act as such
10	until he or she has complied with the requirements of sub. (2).
11	SECTION 8. 755.03 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
12	755.03 (2) Within 10 days after a municipal judge takes the oath, the judge
13	shall file the oath and, if required to do so as described in sub. (1), the official bond
14	with the clerk of the city, town or village where the judge was elected or appointed.
15	If the municipal judge is elected under s. 755.01 (4), the judge shall file copies of the
16	oath and bond with each applicable municipal clerk. The judge shall file a certified
17	copy of the oath with the office of director of state courts within the 10-day time
18	period after the judge takes the oath.
19	SECTION 9. Initial applicability.
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- 20 (1) This act first applies to an individual who is elected or appointed to an office21 on the effective date of this subsection.
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