

1975 Senate Bill 473

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AN ACT to amend 60.305 (1) (b) and 60.315 (5) of the statutes, relating to establishing staggered terms for all sanitary district commissioners.

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

SECTION 1. 60.305 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

60.305 (1) (b) Notwithstanding any provision in par. (a) to the contrary, after July 12, 1961, of the commissioners first appointed or elected in a newly established sanitary district one shall be appointed or elected for a term of 2 years, one for a term of 4 years and one for a term of 6 years and their successors shall be appointed or elected for terms of 6 years each; and of the commissioners appointed or elected to succeed commissioners whose terms expire after July 12, 1961 and prior to July 1, 1963, one shall be appointed or elected for a term of 2 years, one for a term of 4 years and one for a term of 6 years and thereafter successor commissioners shall be appointed or elected for terms of 6 years each; and of the commissioners appointed or elected to succeed commissioners whose terms expire after July 1, 1963, one shall be appointed or elected for a term of 2 years, one for a term of 4 years and one for a term of 6 years and thereafter successor commissioners shall be appointed or elected for staggered 6-year terms. This paragraph does not apply to members of a town board constituted as ex officio the commissioners of the town sanitary district.

SECTION 2. 60.315 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

60.315 (5) After the district has been established the provisions of s. 60.305 relating to commissioners shall apply. If no review proceedings are brought under sub. (4) (a) within 60 days after the establishment of the district, or if review proceedings under sub. (4) are had resulting in the affirmance of the order establishing the district and no steps are taken to appoint commissioners within 60 days after final affirmance the department may appoint 3 commissioners residing within the district for 2-year terms. If Thereafter if the commissioners are elected or appointed other than by the department the commissioners shall serve staggered terms as provided in s. 60.305. But if at any time thereafter there is a failure to appoint or elect commissioners or to fill vacancies as provided in s. 60.305 and such failure ~~shall continue~~ continues for a period of more than 60 days the department may make the

appointments and fill the vacancies by appointment of persons residing within the district. The department shall make appointments and fill vacancies so the commissioners serve staggered terms as provided in s. 60.305. Notice of all appointments of commissioners by the department shall be filed with the town clerk or clerks in which the district is situated.

SECTION 3. At the next regular election if any sanitary district elects more than one commissioner for a full term, the candidate receiving the highest vote total in the election shall serve a 6-year term, the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall serve a 4-year term and the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes shall serve a 2-year term. At any one time if a sanitary district appoints more than one commissioner for a full term, staggered appointments shall be made.
