



2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 230

March 31, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives SHELTON, CABRERA, EMERSON, ORTIZ-VELEZ, ANDERSON, BALDEH, CONLEY, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, STUBBS and SUBECK, cosponsored by Senators CARPENTER and ROYS. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 66.0501 (1); and *to create* 165.85 (4) (a) 1m. of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** citizenship requirements for local law enforcement officers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, no person may be appointed to serve as a county deputy sheriff or as a city, village, or town police officer unless the person is a citizen of the United States. This bill repeals that citizenship requirement. The bill also prohibits the Law Enforcement Standards Board from preventing a person from participating in a law enforcement preparatory training program because the person is not a citizen of the United States.

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:

3 **SECTION 1.** 66.0501 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 66.0501 (1) ~~DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND MUNICIPAL POLICE~~ APPLICABILITY. ~~No person~~
5 ~~may be appointed deputy sheriff of any county or police officer for any city, village or~~
6 ~~town unless that person is a citizen of the United States.~~ This section does not apply
7 to common carriers or to a deputy sheriff not required to take an oath of office.

