



State of Wisconsin  
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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## 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 426

September 19, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives SORTWELL, PENTERMAN, BALDEH, MELOTIK, OHNSTAD and ORTIZ-VELEZ, cosponsored by Senator JAMES. Referred to Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 66.0501 (1); *to amend* 66.0511 (title); and *to create* 66.0511  
2           (1) (am), 66.0511 (1) (ar), 66.0511 (1) (c) and 66.0511 (4) of the statutes; **relating**  
3           **to:** eligibility for appointment as a law enforcement or correctional officer.

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

Under current law, no person may be appointed as a deputy sheriff of any county or police officer of any city, village, or town unless that person is a citizen of the United States. This bill provides that no person may be appointed as a law enforcement officer or correctional officer unless that person is legally eligible to work in that position in the United States and, if the person is not a citizen of the United States, has been lawfully present in the United States for the six consecutive years preceding appointment. The bill specifies, however, that noncitizen holders of A-3, N-8, or N-9 visas may not be appointed to any of these positions.

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

4           **SECTION 1.** 66.0501 (1) of the statutes is repealed.  
5           **SECTION 2.** 66.0511 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:  
6           **66.0511** (title) **Law enforcement agency policies on use of force and**  
7           **citizen complaint procedures agencies.**

