

1975 Assembly Bill 175

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## CHAPTER 188, Laws of 1975

AN ACT to repeal 60.18 (2), (3), (5), (6) and (13); to amend 60.29 (1m) and (44) (a) and 60.60 (4); to repeal and recreate 60.60 (1) and 60.80; and to create 60.18 (24) and 60.19 (5) of the statutes, relating to making various changes in town laws.

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

SECTION 1. 60.18 (2), (3), (5), (6) and (13) of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 1g. 60.18 (24) of the statutes is created to read:

60.18 (24) ASSESSOR APPOINTMENT. To authorize the town board to select assessors by appointment. If such authorization is made at a town meeting, the referendum procedure under s. 60.19 (2) and (3) (a) need not be complied with.

SECTION 1r. 60.19 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

60.19 (5) In lieu of the referendum procedure under subs. (2) and (3) (a), the electors at a town meeting may authorize the town board to select assessors by appointment. The selection and determination of the number of assessors and assistant assessors shall be in the manner prescribed in subs. (2) and (3) (b) and (c).

SECTION 2. 60.29 (1m) of the statutes is amended to read:

60.29 (1m) PUBLIC CONTRACTS. To let pursuant to ~~the provisions of section s. 66.29~~ all public contracts, as defined in ~~section s. 66.29 (1) (c)~~, the estimated cost or amount involved of which shall exceed ~~\$500. Provided, however, \$2,500, except that~~ the town board may determine that any class of public work or any part thereof shall be done directly by the town without submitting the same for bids. The town board may also enter into arrangements with its county to do any type of work without the requirement of competitive bidding regardless of the amount involved. County highway departments are authorized to enter into such agreements on a cost basis.

SECTION 4. 60.29 (44) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

60.29 (44) (a) To appropriate, when authorized at the annual town meeting or at any special meeting by a majority vote of the qualified electors present at the meeting, ~~not more than \$5,000 annually~~ an appropriate annual sum of money, to be used by ~~said the~~ town for conservation of natural resources or for payment to bona fide nonprofit organizations for conservation of natural resources within the town limits or beneficial to the town, however, no portion of ~~said \$5,000 will~~ the appropriation may be turned over to a nonprofit organization unless ~~said the~~ organization has filed plans and details of the work to be done and discloses the owner of the property on which ~~said the~~ improvements are to be made and ~~said the~~ plans are first approved by the town board. No work of this nature ~~shall~~ may be undertaken on any of the lakes and streams of the town without the consent and approval of the department of natural resources.

SECTION 5. 60.60 (1) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

60.60 (1) The compensation of town supervisors, treasurers and town clerks shall be fixed by the annual town meeting. In lieu of an annual salary, the annual town meeting may establish a per diem compensation for town supervisors, clerks and treasurers, for each day or parts of a day necessarily devoted by them to the service of the town in the discharge of their respective duties.

SECTION 6. 60.60 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

60.60 (4) No salary or compensation rate ~~shall~~ may be increased or reduced during the term of ~~a town supervisor, clerk, treasurer, assessor or constable~~ any elected town official.

SECTION 7. 60.80 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

**60.80 Appropriations for civic functions.** The town board may, if authorized by the electors at the annual town meeting, appropriate reasonable sums of money for purposes of gifts or donations to be used in the furtherance of civic functions, agricultural societies, advertising the attractions, advantages and natural resources of said town; attraction of industry to the town; establishment of industrial complexes; establishment, maintenance and repair of ecological areas within the town.

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