

## **1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 179**

March 13, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives Zukowski, Porter, Hahn, Freese, Lehman, Silbaugh, Lorge, Ryba, Brandemuehl, Kreibich, Grothman and Owens, cosponsored by Senators Drzewiecki and Schultz. Referred to Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs.

- 1 AN ACT to repeal 45.11 (2) and 45.14 (3); to renumber and amend 45.11 (1); and
- 2 to amend 45.14 (2) of the statutes; relating to: the appointment of county
- 3 veterans' service officers.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, in counties with a county executive or county administrator, that official appoints and supervises the county veterans' service officer and appoints assistant county veterans' service officers. In all other counties, the county board elects a county veterans' service officer and appoints assistant county veterans' service officers assistant county veterans' service officer and appoints assistant county veterans' service officers.

Under current law, a 3-member county veterans' service commission is appointed by the county executive or by the chairman of the county board in counties without a county executive. In counties where the county veterans' service officer is elected by the county board, the county veterans' service commission may furnish aid and services to needy veterans. In counties where the county executive or county administrator appoint a county veterans' service officer, the county veterans' service officer has the responsibility to furnish aid and services to needy veterans.

This bill gives the responsibility to provide aid and services to needy veterans to the county veterans' service commission.

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.** 45.11 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 45.11 and amended to read:

45.11 Estimate of amount needed. Except as provided under sub. (2), the
<u>The</u> county veterans' service commission shall estimate the probable amount
required under s. 45.10 and shall file such estimate with the county board.

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**SECTION 2.** 45.11 (2) of the statutes is repealed.

5 **SECTION 2.** 45.14 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

6 45.14 (2) Except as provided under sub. (3), the The commission may furnish 7 aid to any person within s. 45.10 if the right of such person to aid shall be established 8 to its satisfaction. The secretary of the commission shall make and deposit with the 9 county clerk a list containing the name, place of residence and the amount to be paid 10 each such person, which shall be signed by the chairperson and secretary. The total 11 disbursements made by the commission shall not exceed the amount collected from 12the tax levied. When such lists are filed the county clerk shall issue an order upon 13the county treasurer for the sum designated therein in each case and deliver it to the 14person entitled thereto. The commission may furnish aid in a different manner than 15by supplying money. The commission may request the county clerk to issue an order 16 upon the county treasurer to a purveyor of services or commodities for the purchase 17of such services or commodities or the commission may furnish such supplies as it 18 deems best. The commission shall make a detailed report to the county board at each 19 annual session thereof showing the amount expended.

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**SECTION 4.** 45.14 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

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