



2005 ASSEMBLY BILL 696

September 26, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives SCHNEIDER and AINSWORTH.
Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 173.07 (4) of the statutes; **relating to: the** issuance of citations
2 by humane officers.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law authorizes cities, villages, towns, and counties (political subdivisions) to use citations to enforce ordinances. A traffic ticket is one example of a citation. The law provides that citations may be issued by law enforcement officers. In addition, the governing body of a political subdivision may authorize an official who is not law enforcement officer to issue citations for violations of ordinances that are directly related to the official's responsibilities. The official may, with the approval of the governing body, delegate to employees the authority to issue citations. Current law also authorizes political subdivisions to appoint humane officers. A humane officer may issue a citation for the violation of an ordinance relating to animals if authorized by the appointing political subdivision.

This bill provides that a humane officer may issue a citation on behalf of a political subdivision only if the humane officer is an employee of the political subdivision.

For further information see the *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:

