



State of Wisconsin  
2015 - 2016 LEGISLATURE

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## 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 230

May 19, 2015 - Introduced by Representatives KESSLER, C. TAYLOR, E. BROOKS, GOYKE and BERCEAU. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1     **AN ACT to create** 755.175 of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring a municipal  
2     judge to be a licensed Wisconsin attorney.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a person may be elected or appointed as a municipal judge if the person is a qualified elector of the municipality in which election or appointment is sought. A qualified elector is a U.S. citizen age 18 or older who has resided in an election district or ward for 28 consecutive days before any election where the citizen offers to vote. Beginning on January 1, 2016, this bill requires a person seeking to be elected or appointed as a municipal judge to be an attorney licensed to practice in this state and a member in good standing of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

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

3     **SECTION 1.** 755.175 of the statutes is created to read:  
4     **755.175 Municipal judge must be an attorney.** Beginning on January 1,  
5     2016, no person may qualify for election or appointment as a judge unless the person

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**SECTION 1**

1 is an attorney licensed to practice in this state and a member in good standing of the  
2 State Bar of Wisconsin.

3 (END)