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## 2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 706

January 13, 2016 – Introduced by Representatives AUGUST, E. BROOKS, THIESFELDT, A. OTT and TITTL, cosponsored by Senator NASS. Referred to Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1     **AN ACT to amend** 60.75 (1) (a), 60.75 (2) (a) and 60.75 (2) (b); and **to create** 60.10  
2           (2) (m) and 60.75 (2) (bm) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing a town  
3           meeting to direct a town board to change the number of commissioners of  
4           certain town sanitary district commissions.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

This bill authorizes a town meeting to direct a town board to increase the number of commissioners on a town sanitary district commission from three to five if the commission is separate from the town board. The bill also authorizes a town meeting to direct a town board to decrease the number of commissioners on a town sanitary district commission from five to three if the commission is separate from the town board, although the town meeting may not direct a town board to change the number of commissioners more frequently than every two years. If a town board performs the functions of a town sanitary district commission, the membership of the commission remains the same as the membership of the town board.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

5           **SECTION 1.** 60.10 (2) (m) of the statutes is created to read:

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1           60.10 (2) (m) *Membership of town sanitary district commission.* If the town  
2 board does not constitute itself as the town sanitary district commission, direct the  
3 town board to increase the membership of the town sanitary district commission  
4 under subch. IX from 3 members to 5 members, or direct the town board to decrease  
5 the membership of the town sanitary district commission from 5 members to 3  
6 members, except that the town meeting may not act under this paragraph more  
7 frequently than every 2 years. If a town meeting directs the town board to decrease  
8 the membership of the town sanitary district commission, the reduction in members  
9 first applies upon the expiration of the terms of the first 2 commissioners whose  
10 terms expire at the same time after the town meeting directs the town board to  
11 reduce the number of commissioners.

12           **SECTION 2.** 60.75 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13           60.75 (1) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), the commission shall consist of 3  
14 or 5 members.

15           **SECTION 3.** 60.75 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16           60.75 (2) (a) Except as provided in pars. (b), (bm), and (c), commissioners shall  
17 serve for staggered 6-year terms.

18           **SECTION 4.** 60.75 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

19           60.75 (2) (b) Except as provided under par. (c), of the commissioners in a district  
20 in which the town board changes the number of commissioners from 5 to 3 or of the  
21 commissioners first appointed or elected in a newly established town sanitary  
22 district, which consists of 3 members, one shall be appointed or elected for a term of  
23 2 years, one for a term of 4 years and one for a term of 6 years. If the commissioners  
24 first elected in a newly established town sanitary district are elected at a special

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1 election, the town board shall specify shorter staggered terms for the commissioners  
2 so that their successors may be elected at a regular spring election.

3 **SECTION 5.** 60.75 (2) (bm) of the statutes is created to read:

4 60.75 (2) (bm) Except as provided under par. (c), of the commissioners in a  
5 district in which the town board changes the number of commissioners from 3 to 5  
6 or of the commissioners first appointed or elected in a newly established town  
7 sanitary district, which consists of 5 members, 2 shall be appointed or elected for a  
8 term of 2 years, 2 for a term of 4 years, and one for a term of 6 years. If the  
9 commissioners described in this paragraph are first elected at a special election, the  
10 town board shall specify shorter staggered terms for the commissioners so that their  
11 successors may be elected at a regular spring election.

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(END)