



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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## 2021 SENATE BILL 297

April 8, 2021 - Introduced by Senators BERNIER, MARKLEIN, BALLWEG and PFAFF, cosponsored by Representatives CALLAHAN, GUNDRUM, ARMSTRONG, MOSES, SKOWRONSKI, BILLINGS, KNODL, BOWEN, CABRAL-GUEVARA, KUGLITSCH, BROOKS, TUSLER, TITTL, PLUMER and B. MEYERS. Referred to Committee on Elections, Election Process Reform and Ethics.

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

1     **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 60.30 (4) (a); *to amend* 17.03 (10), 59.10 (2)  
2           (b) and 59.10 (3) (d); and *to create* 60.30 (4) (a) 2., 61.23 (3) and 62.09 (5) (f) of  
3           the statutes; **relating to:** terms of office for local government officers.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the term of office for county board supervisor or town board supervisor is two years and the term of office for most city or village elected officers is two years. This bill provides that the terms of office for these officers extends until the successors are elected and qualified.

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

4           **SECTION 1.** 17.03 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:  
5           17.03 (10) If the office is elective, the incumbent's term expires, except for the  
6           office of sheriff, coroner, register of deeds or, district attorney, county board  
7           supervisor, or town board supervisor or a village officer to whom s. 61.23 (3) applies  
8           or a city officer to whom s. 62.09 (5) (f) applies.

**SENATE BILL 297****SECTION 2**

1           **SECTION 2.** 59.10 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           59.10 (2) (b) *Election; term.* ~~For an election that is held before 2016, supervisors~~  
3 ~~shall be elected for 4-year terms at the election to be held on the first Tuesday in April~~  
4 ~~next preceding the expiration of their respective terms, and shall take office on the~~  
5 ~~3rd Monday in April following their election. For an election that is held in 2016 and~~  
6 ~~thereafter, supervisors~~ Supervisors shall be elected for 2-year terms at the election  
7 to be held on the first Tuesday in April next preceding the expiration of their  
8 respective terms, and shall take office on the 3rd Monday in April following their  
9 election. The term of office of a supervisor is 2 years and until a successor is elected  
10 and qualified.

11           **SECTION 3.** 59.10 (3) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

12           59.10 (3) (d) *Election and term of supervisors.* Supervisors are county officers,  
13 Supervisors shall be elected for 2-year terms at the election to be held on the first  
14 Tuesday in April in even-numbered years and shall take office on the 3rd Tuesday  
15 in April of that year. The term of office of a supervisor is 2 years and until a successor  
16 is elected and qualified.

17           **SECTION 4.** 60.30 (4) (a) of the statutes is renumbered 60.30 (4) (a) 1. and  
18 amended to read:

19           60.30 (4) (a) 1. ~~Every~~ Except as provided under subd. 2., the term of office of  
20 an elected town officer shall hold the office for is 2 years.

21           **SECTION 5.** 60.30 (4) (a) 2. of the statutes is created to read:

22           60.30 (4) (a) 2. The term of office of a town board supervisor is 2 years and until  
23 a successor is elected and qualified.

24           **SECTION 6.** 61.23 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

