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2015 SENATE BILL 486

December 29, 2015 – Introduced by Senator NASS, cosponsored by Representatives AUGUST, E. BROOKS, THIESFELDT, A. OTT and TITTL. Referred to Committee on Labor and Government Reform.

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.

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.

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)