

County Appointments to Public Library Boards

In accordance with Section 43.60, *Wisconsin Statutes*, counties may appoint up to 5 additional members to municipal public library boards. The number of additional members that can be appointed by a county to a particular library board depends upon how much the county appropriated to that library in comparison to the library's municipal appropriation.

What follows are the relevant section of the statutes and a chart showing how many additional library board members could be appointed by Outagamie County to municipal public libraries in the county.

43.60 County appointments to municipal and joint public library boards.

(3) (a) A county chairperson, with the approval of the county board, may appoint from among the residents of the county additional members to the library board of a public library of a municipality located in whole or in part in the county, for a term of 3 years from the May 1 following the appointment, and thereafter for a term of 3 years, as follows:

1. If the annual sum appropriated by the county to the public library is equal to at least one-sixth, but less than one-third, of the annual sum appropriated to the public library by any municipality in which the public library is located during the preceding fiscal year, one additional member.
2. If the annual sum appropriated by the county to the public library is equal to at least one-third, but less than one-half, of the annual sum appropriated to the public library by any municipality in which the public library is located, 2 additional members.
3. If the annual sum appropriated by the county to the public library is equal to at least one-half, but less than two-thirds, of the annual sum appropriated to the public library by any municipality in which the public library is located, 3 additional members.
4. If the annual sum appropriated by the county to the public library is equal to at least two-thirds, but less than the annual sum appropriated to the public library by any municipality in which the public library is located, 4 additional members.
5. If the annual sum appropriated by the county to the public library is equal to at least the annual sum appropriated to the public library by any municipality in which the public library is located, 5 additional members.

(b) For a joint public library of 2 or more municipalities, the "annual sum appropriated to the public library by any municipality in which the public library is located" under par. (a) is the total sum appropriated by all of the municipalities participating in the joint library.

(c) A county chairperson may appoint a county supervisor to serve as a member of a library board of a public library of a municipality under par. (a), but no more than one county supervisor so appointed may serve on the library board at the same time.

(4) If an additional member appointed to a library board under sub. (3) (a) loses the status upon which the appointment was based, he or she ceases to be a member of the library board effective on the following May 1.

History: 1971 c. 152 s. 23; Stats. 1971 s. 43.60; 1981 c. 197; 1985 a. 177; 1989 a. 56; 1991 a. 269; 2005 a. 226.

Additional County Appointments to Municipal Library Boards						
Based on 2008 Appropriations						
	Statutory	2008	2008		County	
	Municipal	County	Municipal	County	Board	Potential
	Board Size	Appropriation	Appropriation	Percent	Members	Board Size
Appleton	9	\$675,904	\$3,503,346	19.3%	1	10
Black Creek	5	\$55,410	\$80,744	68.6%	4	9
Clintonville	7	\$15,609	\$266,404	5.9%	0	7
Hortonville	5	\$49,265	\$67,073	73.4%	4	9
Kaukauna	9	\$81,718	\$580,599	14.1%	0	9
Kimberly-Little Chute	8	\$123,591	\$528,943	23.4%	1	9
New London	7	\$39,281	\$406,958	9.7%	0	7
Seymour	7	\$55,682	\$113,442	49.1%	2	9
Shiocton	5	\$20,339	\$31,566	64.4%	3	8
Oneida	5	\$20,603	\$364,658	5.6%	0	5
Total	67	\$1,137,402	\$5,943,733		15	82