



State of Wisconsin  
2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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**ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO ASSEMBLY BILL 51**

March 2, 2023 - Offered by Representative SORTWELL.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 66.0501 (1) of the statutes; **relating to:** eligibility for  
2 appointment as a law enforcement officer.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, no person may be appointed as a deputy sheriff of any county or police officer of any city, village, or town unless that person is a citizen of the United States. This bill provides that no person may be appointed to one of these positions unless that person is legally eligible to work in the United States and, if the person is not a citizen of the United States, has been a legal resident of the United States for the five consecutive years preceding appointment.

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

3 **SECTION 1.** 66.0501 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:  
4 66.0501 (1) DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND MUNICIPAL POLICE. No person may be  
5 appointed deputy sheriff of any county or police officer for any city, village, or town  
6 unless that person is a citizen of legally eligible to work in the United States and, if

1 the person is not a citizen of the United States, has been a legal resident of the United  
2 States for the 5 consecutive years preceding appointment. This section does not  
3 apply to common carriers or to a deputy sheriff not required to take an oath of office.

4 (END)