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**Title:** Substitute resolution directing the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of State legislation relating to the appointment of the executive secretary of the board of fire and police commissioners in a city of the 1st class.

**Sponsors:** ALD. DONOVAN, ALD. BORKOWSKI

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**Attachments:** 1. Mayor's Veto Letter

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5/8/2018	0	COMMON COUNCIL	ASSIGNED TO		
5/21/2018	0	JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE	HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR	Pass	5:0
5/31/2018	0	JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE	HEARING NOTICES SENT		
6/11/2018	1	JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	Pass	3:1
6/11/2018	0	JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE	SUBSTITUTED	Pass	4:0
6/20/2018	1	COMMON COUNCIL	ADOPTED	Pass	14:0
6/29/2018	1	MAYOR	VETOED		
7/10/2018	1	COMMON COUNCIL	ADOPTED	Pass	13:1

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Substitute resolution directing the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of State legislation relating to the appointment of the executive secretary of the board of fire and police commissioners in a city of the 1<sup>st</sup> class. This resolution directs the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Affairs Division to seek introduction and passage of State legislation to amend ss. 62.50 and 62.51, Wis. Stats., to provide that the executive secretary of the board of fire and police commissioners in a city of the 1<sup>st</sup> class is appointed by the board (rather than by the mayor), subject to confirmation by the common council. Whereas, The Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission was created in 1885 to provide a public safety oversight body that was responsive to the community and that shielded police and fire services from political influences; and

Whereas, Prior to creation of the Fire and Police Commission, the fire and police chiefs were appointed by the Mayor, thereby making these positions likely candidates for political patronage; and

Whereas, After the Commission was created, the chiefs were appointed by the citizens serving on the Fire and Police Commission; and

Whereas, For over 100 years (1885 - 1988), the Fire and Police Commission also appointed its executive secretary (a/k/a executive director), helping to keep that position out of the political realm as well; and

Whereas, In 1988, a change in State law authorized the mayor of a 1<sup>st</sup> class city to appoint the executive secretary of the fire and police commission, thereby interjecting politics in the appointment process; and

Whereas, Because of this change in State law, Milwaukee is the only city in Wisconsin where the lead staff person of the fire and police commission is appointed by the mayor; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Affairs Division is directed to seek introduction and passage of State legislation to amend ss. 62.50 and 62.51, Wis. Stats., such that the executive secretary of the board of fire and police commissioners in a city of the 1<sup>st</sup> class is appointed by the board (rather than by the mayor), subject to confirmation by the common council; and, be it

Further Resolved, That File Number 160538 is amended by inserting the following item in the document attached to the file and identified as "2017-2018 State Legislative Package Proposals":

Local Control and Flexibility	Common Council	Amend Wis. Stat. §§62.50 and 62.51 to provide that the executive secretary of the board of fire and police commissioners in a city of the 1 <sup>st</sup> class is appointed by the board (rather than by the mayor), subject to confirmation by the common council.
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Jeff Osterman  
May 21, 2018