



## Legislation Text

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Resolution directing the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of State legislation permitting the City of Milwaukee to make the position of police chief an elected position.

This resolution directs the Department of Administration - Intergovernmental Relations Division to seek introduction and passage of State legislation to amend s. 62.50, Wis. Stats., to authorize a 1<sup>st</sup> class city to make the position of police chief an elected position.

Whereas, Since its establishment in 1885, the Fire and Police Commission has been responsible for appointing the police and fire chiefs of the City of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, This arrangement, is mandated under State law (s. 62.50, Wis. Stats.); and

Whereas, This appointment procedure once served a valuable purpose in shielding the chiefs of fire and police from political influence, it is nonetheless necessary to update this arrangement to ensure that the chief of police and the fire chief are fiscally-conscious, operationally-efficient, and responsive to the needs of the community served; and

Whereas, Elected officials are accountable to voters, who are the appropriate people to whom the police and fire chiefs should answer and in whom such officials should seek faith and support; 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 s. 62.50, Wis. Stats., to authorize 1<sup>st</sup> class cities to elect a chief of police or fire chief; 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":

Common Council	Local Control and Flexibility	Seek introduction and passage of State legislation to amend s. 62.50, Wis. Stats., to authorize 1 <sup>st</sup> class cities to elect a chief of police or fire chief.
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