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AN ACT to create 22.04 of the statutes, relating to the authority to designate an emergency temporary location for the seat of government for the state and to authorize the exercise of governmental powers and functions thereat.

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

22.04 of the statutes is created to read:

22.04 SEAT OF STATE GOVERNMENT. (1) DESIGNATION OF EMERGENCY TEMPORARY LOCATION. Whenever, during the continuance of a state of emergency proclaimed by the governor under authority of s. 22.01, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient or impossible to conduct the affairs of state government at the seat thereof in the city of Madison, Dane county, Wisconsin, the governor shall, as often as the exigencies of the situation require, by proclamation, designate an emergency temporary location for the seat of government at such place within or without this state as he deems advisable under the circumstances, and shall take such action and issue such orders as are necessary for an orderly transition of the affairs of state government to such emergency temporary location. If practicable, the emergency temporary location so designated by the governor shall conform to that provided for in the current civil defense plan authorized by s. 22.01. Such emergency temporary location shall remain as the seat of government until the governor establishes a new location under this section, or until the emergency is declared to be ended in the manner provided by s. 22.01 and the seat of government is returned to its normal location.

(2) EXERCISE OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY. During such time as the seat of government remains at such temporary location all official acts now or hereafter required by law to be performed at the seat of government by any officer, agency, department or authority of this state, including the convening and meeting of the legislature in regular or special session, shall be as valid and binding when performed at such emergency temporary location as if performed at the normal location of the seat of government.

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