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CHAPTER 615

AN ACT to amend 247.13 (1) of the statutes, as amended by chapter 595, laws of 1959, relating to an assistant family court commissioner in counties having a population of less than 500,000.

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

SECTION 1. 247.13 (1) of the statutes, as amended by chapter 595, laws of 1959, is amended to read:

247.13 (1) In each county of the state, except in counties having a population of 500,000 or more, the circuit judge or judges in and for such county shall, by order filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court on or before the first Monday of July of each year, appoint some reputable attorney of recognized ability and standing at the bar, family court commissioner (formerly divorce counsel) for such county. Such commissioner shall, by virtue of his office and to the extent required for the performance of his duties, have the powers of a court commissioner. Such court commissioner shall be in addition to the maximum number of court commissioners permitted by s. 252.14. The office of the family court commissioner, *or any assistant commissioner*, may be placed under a county civil service system by resolution of the county board. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties such commissioner shall take and file the official oath. The person so appointed shall continue to act until his successor is appointed and qualified, except that in the event of his disability or extended absence said judge or judges may appoint another reputable attorney to act as temporary family court commissioner, *and except that the county board may provide that one or more assistant family court commissioners shall be appointed by the circuit judges of the county. Such assistants shall have the same qualifications as the commissioner and shall take and file the official oath.*

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1960.

Approved December 23, 1959.
