AN ACT to amend 83.015 (3) (a), 83.02 (3) and 83.025 (1); and to create 83.001 of the statutes, relating to deletions from the county trunk highway system.

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

SECTION 1. 83.001 of the statutes is created to read:

83.001 Definition. In this chapter, "department" means the department of transportation.

SECTION 2. 83.015 (3) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

83.015 (3) (a) Each county board, except in counties of a population of 500,000 or over, shall provide for and require the county highway committee and county highway department to use the system of cost accounting devised by the department of revenue.

SECTION 3. 83.02 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

83.02 (3) The county board may alter such systems with the consent of the department of transportation as provided in s. 83.025 (1).

SECTION 4. 83.025 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

83.025 (1) (a) The systems of county trunk highways heretofore selected by county boards and approved by the department of transportation are hereby validated. Changes may be made in the county trunk system by the county board if it deems that the public good is best served by making such changes as provided in this section. The county board in making such changes may order the county highway committee to lay out new highways and acquire the interests necessary by the procedures under s. 83.08. Such systems, however, may be altered or increased only with the consent of the department of transportation. A county board may not make additions to a county trunk system without the consent of the department of transportation. A county board may not make deletions from a county trunk system without the approval of the department, and, except as provided in this paragraph and par. (d), without the approval of the governing body of the city, village or town in which the proposed deletion is located or, in the case of a proposed deletion affecting more than one city, village or town, without the approval of a majority of the governing bodies of such cities, villages or towns.

(b) The county board, or the county highway committee, shall, by conference with the boards or highway committees of adjoining counties, or otherwise, cause their respective county trunk systems to join so as to make continuous lines of travel between the counties. Any highway which is a part of the county trunk system shall, by virtue thereof, be a portion of the system of county aid highways.

(c) Any city or village street or portion thereof selected as a portion of such the county trunk system prior to May 1, 1939, shall be a portion of such the county trunk system. All streets or highways in any city or village over which is routed a county trunk highway or forming connections through such the city or village between portions of the county trunk highway system shall be a part of such the county trunk system unless the governing body of the city or village, by resolution, removes such the street or highway from the county trunk system, but such the removal shall apply only to that portion of any street or highway which is situated wholly within the city or village.

(d) In counties having a population of 500,000 or more the county board may remove from the county trunk highway system any part thereof which lies within an incorporated village or city, but such the removal shall not be effected until one year after annexation proceeding affecting the area in question has become final.

(e) Whenever a county has completed a functional and jurisdictional classification of highways and such the classification plan has been approved by the county board, the local governing bodies and the department of transportation, those roads and streets allocated to the county's jurisdiction will be known as county trunk highways. Additions and deletions from such the county trunks under this paragraph in the various municipalities may be made only by the county board with the consent of the department of transportation as provided in pars. (a) and (d).

SECTION 5. Terminology changes. Wherever the term "department of transportation" appears in the following sections of the statutes, the term "department" is substituted: 83.01 (7) (d) and (g), 83.013 (1) (a) and (e) and (2), 83.015 (3) (c) and (d), 83.02 (2), 83.025 (2) and (3), 83.026, 83.027 (1), 83.03 (4), 83.04 (1), 83.08 (4), 83.14 (8) and 83.42 (2) (a).