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**CHAPTER 552**

**AN ACT** to create 22.05 of the statutes, relating to the authorization of counties, towns and municipalities of this state, to establish emergency temporary locations for the exercise of their governmental powers.

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

22.05 of the statutes is created to read:

**22.05 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY LOCATIONS OF GOVERNMENT FOR COUNTIES, TOWNS AND MUNICIPALITIES.** (1) **DESIGNATION OF EMERGENCY TEMPORARY LOCATIONS.** Whenever, during the continuance of a state of emergency proclaimed by the governor under s. 22.01, it becomes imprudent, inexpedient or impossible to conduct the affairs of local government at the regular or usual place or places thereof, the governing body of each county, town and municipality of this state may meet at any place within or without the territorial limits of such political subdivision on the call of the presiding officer or his successor, and shall proceed to establish and designate by ordinance, resolution or other manner, alternate or substitute sites or places as the emergency temporary locations of government where all, or any part, of the public business may be transacted and conducted during the emergency situation. Such alternate or substitute sites or places may be within or without the territorial limits of such county, town or municipality and may be within or without those of the state. If practicable, they shall be the sites or places designated as the emergency temporary locations of government in the current civil defense plan authorized by s. 22.01.

(2) EXERCISE OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY. During the period when the public business is being conducted at an emergency temporary location, the governing body and other officers of a county, town or municipality of this state shall have and possess and shall exercise, at such location, or locations, all of the executive, legislative, administrative and judicial powers and functions conferred upon such body and officers by or under the laws of this state. Such powers and functions except judicial may be exercised in the light of the exigencies of the emergency situation without regard to or compliance with time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law and pertaining thereto. All acts of such body and officers shall be as valid and binding as if performed within the territorial limits of their county, town or municipality.

(3) PRIORITY OF LEGISLATION. The provisions of this section shall control in the event it shall be employed notwithstanding any statutory, charter or ordinance provision to the contrary or in conflict herewith.

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