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## CHAPTER 265

AN ACT to amend 46.22 (1) and 49.51 (2) (a) (intro. par.) of the statutes, relating to county boards of public welfare and county public welfare departments.

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

SECTION 1. 46.22 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

46.22 (1) *Every county having a population of less than 500,000 may by a vote of its county board of supervisors elect to be under s. 46.21. In every county having a population of less than 500,000 that has not elected to be under s. 46.21, there is \* \* \* created a county department of public welfare. Such county department shall consist of a county board of public welfare, a county director of public welfare, and necessary personnel \* \* \*. The county board may at any time authorize the county judge to administer child welfare services \* \* \* as provided in sub. (5) (g). All rules \* \* \* relating to personnel under his administration on said date shall continue in effect until the county board acts to place the administration of these aids in a department other than under the county judge or until the department changes such rules \* \* \* pursuant to s. 49.50 (2).*

SECTION 2. 49.51 (2) (a) (intro. par.) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.51 (2) (a) (intro. par.) *In counties having a population of 500,000 or more or in counties electing to be under s. 46.21, the administration of welfare services shall be vested in a department of public welfare under the jurisdiction of the county board of public welfare as provided in s. 46.21 and in conformity with \* \* \* s. 49.50. The director of county institutions and departments shall appoint a director of public welfare and such director of public welfare shall appoint his assistants, provided that the \* \* \* director of public welfare acting on July 13, 1951, shall continue as such director during the balance of his legal tenure. The civil service status of persons presently appointed to the several welfare services hereinafter listed as of July 3, 1949, is continued. The county department of public welfare shall have the following functions, duties and powers, and such other welfare functions as may be delegated to it:*

Approved August 17, 1963.

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