

1969 Senate Bill 335

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AN ACT to create 253.41 of the statutes, relating to the creation of the office of probate court commissioner in counties having a population of 500,000 or more and granting powers.

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

253.41 of the statutes is created to read:

253.41 PROBATE COURT COMMISSIONER. In counties having a population of 500,000 or more, there is created in the classified civil service the office of probate court commissioner who shall be appointed from the membership of the bar residing in such county by the county judges of branch 1 and of branch 2, pursuant to ss. 63.01 to 63.17.

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(1) (a) Before entering upon the performance of their duties, such probate court commissioners shall take and file the official oath.

(b) Probate court commissioners shall by virtue of their respective positions, and to the extent required for the performance of their duties, each have the powers of a court commissioner.

(2) (a) The judges of branches 1 and 2 may assign to the probate court commissioners any matters under s. 253.10 and any matters over which the judges may have jurisdiction, and the probate court commissioners shall have the power to determine such matters and to sign any order or certificate required in such determination.

(b) The probate court commissioners may administer oaths, take depositions and testimony, and certify and report said depositions and testimony, take and certify acknowledgements, allow accounts, and fix the amount and approve the sufficiency of bonds.

(3) The probate court commissioners shall receive such salary as is fixed by the county board, shall perform their duties under the direction of the judges of branches 1 and 2, and shall be furnished with quarters, necessary office furnishings and supplies as determined by the county board.

(4) The register in probate of such county shall also have the duties and powers of a probate court commissioner and shall act in such capacity when designated to do so by either judge.

(5) All persons now acting as deputy registers in probate under civil service shall be appointed as probate court commissioners and shall be deemed regularly appointed thereto under this section and be subject to all provisions of the civil service laws, ordinances and rules and regulations applicable in the county.

Approved November 25, 1969.
