

1987 Assembly Bill 74

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1987 Wisconsin Act 48

AN ACT *to renumber and amend 757.41; and to create 757.41 (2) of the statutes, relating to appointment of the law librarian in populous counties.*

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

SECTION 1. 757.41 of the statutes is renumbered 757.41 (1) and amended to read:

757.41 (1) The county board of any county having a population of 250,000 or more may acquire by gift,

purchase or otherwise, a law library and law books, and shall house the law library and additions in the courthouse or in suitable quarters elsewhere, and may make, and enforce by suitable penalties, rules and regulations for the custody, care and preservation of the books and other property contained in ~~said~~ that

library. The county board shall provide reasonable compensation for the law librarian and such assistants as are necessary for the proper care and maintenance of the library. The Except as provided in sub. (2), the librarian and assistants shall be appointed as the county board determines, pursuant to under ss. 63.01 to 63.17. In such a county the The librarian shall perform all of the duties imposed by s. 757.40 upon the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the library is located and such that clerk shall be free from all has no responsibility imposed by that section under s. 757.40. The purchase of additional law books, legal publications, periodicals and works of reference for the library may be directed by each of the circuit judges of such the county under s. 757.40. The library shall be kept open every day throughout the year, except Sundays and holidays, for such hours as the county board directs, but the county board may determine by ordinance that the library be closed on Saturdays. Attorneys and the general public shall be permitted to use the books in the library in the build-

ing housing the library under ~~such~~ rules and regulations as adopted by the county board adopts.

SECTION 2. 757.41 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

757.41 (2) In any county with a population of 500,000 or more, the librarian shall be appointed in the unclassified service by the county executive, subject to confirmation by the county board. The librarian may be dismissed at any time by the county executive with the concurrence of a majority of the members-elect of the county board or by a majority of the members-elect of the county board with the concurrence of the county executive. If the county executive vetoes an action by the county board dismissing the librarian, the county board may override the veto by a two-thirds vote of its members-elect. Assistants shall be appointed as the county board determines, under ss. 63.01 to 63.17.

SECTION 3. **Effective date.** This act takes effect the first day of the 3rd month beginning after publication.