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## CHAPTER 564.

AN ACT providing for the employment by the governor of an attorney to represent the state and officers and agents of the state.

WHEREAS, numerous claims for attorney fees are presented to each succeeding legislature to reimburse officers and agents of the state for sums paid out by them as attorney fees in litigation arising out of the performance of their official duties and

WHEREAS, the governor is frequently called upon to make temporary appointments of attorneys to represent the state in matters in which the attorney-general's department is disqualified and for other purposes

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 131—1. The governor is hereby authorized to employ an attorney to represent the state or any department, officer or agent thereof in any litigation in which the state has an interest. Such attorney shall be employed for such time and shall receive such compensation as the governor may fix not exceeding the sum of five thousand dollars a year and in addition thereto actual and necessary expenses while away from the capital on business connected with the employment. Said attorney shall be under the direction of the governor and shall discharge such duties as may be assigned to him by the governor. The compensation and expenses of such attorney shall be paid out of the general fund and a sum sufficient to pay such salary and expenses is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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