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### CHAPTER 165

AN ACT to amend 140.09 (4), 141.02 (1) and 141.03 (1) of the statutes, relating to the appointment of county health officers and city health commissioners.

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

SECTION 1. 140.09 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

140.09 (4) The board of health shall appoint a county health officer who shall be a licensed physician especially trained in *public health \* \* \* administration, or in lieu thereof shall be a person, other than a physician, with training or experience in public health administration, and in either case, except in counties covered by ss. 16.31 to 16.44, said health officer shall \* \* \* meet training and experience requirements established by the state board of health; provided that if the appointee is not a physician, the local board of health shall arrange for and provide in addition, such service of a licensed physician as may be necessary on either a part-time or full-time basis and provide reasonable compensation therefor. \* \* \* The health officer shall be appointed for a term agreed upon by the board and shall be subject to removal by a two-thirds vote of the board. The county department of health shall be under the immediate direction of the county health officer, who shall give his entire time to the work.*

SECTION 2. 141.02 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

141.02 (1) (a) In cities under general charter the mayor shall, once in 2 years, \* \* \* or for such periods otherwise provided by ordinance, nominate a regular licensed physician as health commissioner, who shall hold his office for 2 years.

(b) In all cities having a population of 39,000 or more \* \* \* the health commissioner shall be a regular licensed physician, or in lieu thereof, a person, other than a physician, with training and experience in public health administration, in which case he shall meet training and experience requirements established by the state board of health. Such health commissioner shall devote full-time to his duties and shall not engage in the private practice of medicine or in any other conflicting occupation. He shall receive an annual salary to be fixed by the council or the board of health \* \* \* and shall receive his actual and necessary expenses. *If the appointee is not a regular licensed physician, the local board of health shall arrange for and provide in addition such services of a licensed physician as may be necessary on either a part-time or full-time basis and provide reasonable compensation therefor.*

SECTION 3. 141.03 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

141.03 (1) (a) The council of any city, organized under chapter 63 of the statutes, may by ordinance create a board of health of not less than three nor more members than the number of councilmen or aldermen, provide for the manner of their election or appointment and fix the terms of office. Such ordinance may confer on such board, power to appoint a health officer for such city and to fix his term of office and compensation, subject to the approval of the council. *The council or board of health shall appoint a regular licensed physician as health officer.*

(b) *In all cities having a population of 39,000 or more the health commissioner shall be a regular licensed physician, or in lieu thereof, a person, other than a physician, with training and experience in public health administration, in which case he shall meet training and experience requirements established by the state board of health. Such health commissioner shall devote full-time to his duties and shall not engage in the private practice of medicine or in any other conflicting occupation. He shall receive an annual salary to be fixed by the council or the board of health and shall receive his actual and necessary expenses. If the appointee is not a regular licensed physician, the local board of health shall arrange for and provide in addition such services of a licensed physician as may be necessary on either a part-time or full-time basis and provide reasonable compensation therefor.*

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