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CHAPTER 155

AN ACT to amend 59.07 (44) of the statutes, relating to duties and powers of corporation counsel.

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

59.07 (44) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.07 (44) In counties not containing a city of the first class, employ a corporation counsel, and fix his salary. *The corporation counsel may, when authorized by a majority of the county board, appoint one or more assistant corporation counsels to aid him in the performance of his duties. The assistants so appointed shall have authority to perform all the duties of the corporation counsel.* His employment may be terminated at any time by a majority vote of all the members of the board. The duties of the corporation counsel shall be limited to civil matters and * * * *may* include giving legal opinions to the board and its committees and interpreting the powers and duties of the board and county officers. Whenever any of the powers and duties conferred upon the corporation counsel are concurrent with similar powers or duties conferred by law upon the district attorney, the district attorney's powers or duties shall cease to the extent that they are so conferred upon the corporation counsel and the district attorney shall be relieved of the responsibility for performing such powers or duties. Opinions of the corporation counsel on all such matters shall have the same * * * effect as opinions of the district attorney. The corporation counsel may request the attorney general to consult and advise with him in the same manner as district attorneys as provided by s. 14.53 (3).

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