



## 1997 ASSEMBLY BILL 156

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1 **AN ACT to amend** 59.25 (2) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** a county treasurer's  
2 appointment of a deputy treasurer.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, a county treasurer may appoint in writing one or more deputies to aid the treasurer in the discharge of his or her duties. Also under current law, a register of deeds, clerk of courts and county clerk are required to appoint in writing one or more deputies to aid the officeholder in the discharge of his or her duties. Deputies appointed by the register of deeds and the clerk of courts serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Generally, a deputy appointed by the register of deeds, the clerk of courts and the county clerk is required to perform the duties of his or her appointing authority if the appointing authority is disabled or if the office is vacant. If the appointing authority is absent, a deputy appointed by the register of deeds or the county clerk is required to perform the duties of the appointing authority; a deputy appointed by the clerk of courts may perform the duties of the clerk during the clerk's absence.

This bill changes current law by requiring a county treasurer to appoint one or more deputies to aid the treasurer in the discharge of his or her duties. Under the bill, a deputy serves at the treasurer's pleasure and the deputy is required to perform all the duties of the treasurer if the treasurer is absent or, generally, if the treasurer is disabled or if the office is vacant.

