

Assembly Bill 740

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CHAPTER 306, LAWS OF 1967

AN ACT to create 59.032 of the statutes, relating to the office and duties of a county executive in counties containing cities of the 2nd class. *The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

59.032 of the statutes is created to read:

59.032 COUNTY EXECUTIVE IN OTHER COUNTIES. (1) ELECTION; TERM OF OFFICE. In all counties having a population of less than 500,000 the county board may by resolution create the office of county executive. The county executive may be elected the same as a county executive is elected under s. 59.031 (1) or may be appointed by the county board of supervisors for a term of 4 years.

(2) DUTIES AND POWERS. The county executive may be delegated such authority as the county board directs, including, but not restricted because of enumeration, the authority to:

(a) Co-ordinate and direct, by executive order or otherwise, all administrative and management functions of the county government not otherwise vested by law in boards or commissions, or in other elected officers.

(b) Appoint the heads of all departments of the county except where the law provides that the appointment shall be made by a board or commission or by other elected officers; but he may, subsequent to the effective date of this section (1967) when so authorized by the county board, also appoint all department heads where the law provides that the appointment shall be made by the chairman of the county board or by the county board. Such appointments shall require the confirmation of the county board. The county executive may file, with the county board, charges for the removal, discharge or suspension of any person so appointed.

(c) Appoint the members of all boards and commissions when so authorized by the county board where such appointments are required after the effective date of this section (1967) and where the law provides that such appointment shall be made by the county board or the chairman of the county board. All appointments to boards and commissions by the county executive shall be subject to the confirmation of the county board.

(3) ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY TO COUNTY EXECUTIVE; STAFF. When authorized by the county board the county executive may appoint an administrative secretary and such additional staff assistants as are deemed necessary.

(4) COMPENSATION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE, DEPUTY AND STAFF ASSISTANTS. The county board shall fix the compensation of the county executive, his administrative secretary and his staff assistants, but the salary of an elected county executive shall be established at least 90 days prior to any election held to fill the office.

(5) MESSAGE TO THE COUNTY BOARD; SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL BUDGET. The county executive shall annually, and otherwise as necessary, communicate to the county board of supervisors the condition of the county, and recommend such matters to them for their consideration as he deems expedient. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, when so authorized by the county board he may be made responsible for the submission of the annual budget to the county board.

(6) VACANCY, HOW FILLED. A vacancy in the office of the county executive shall be filled by appointment by the chairman of the county board, subject to confirmation by a majority of the county board.

Approved January 3, 1968.