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CHAPTER 217.

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AN ACT to amend 59.07 (7) of the statutes, relating to the powers of the county purchasing agent.

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

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

59.07 (7) Prescribe the form and manner of keeping the public records of the county in any county office and the accounts of the several county officers; and, except in counties of a population of 125,000 or more, may appoint a person or committee as county purchasing agent, and such person or member of such committee need not be a member of the county board but may be the county clerk, county treasurer or any other county officer, and make appropriations for their services. Such purchasing agent shall provide all books, stationery, blanks, safes, furniture, office equipment, telephone service, fuel and lights necessary for the discharge of official business in the offices of the county clerk, clerk of the circuit court, register of deeds, treasurer, county superintendent of schools, county judge and sheriff * * including automobile radio transmitters and receivers for the sheriff and his deputies, and the chairman of the county board shall forthwith sign an order in payment therefor. When the cost of such supplies exceeds * * \$125, the said purchasing agent shall in such manner as he shall deem best to secure the attention of probable bidders, invite proposals of similar standard supplies of equal quantity, and shall purchase from the lowest reliable bidder. Any county board may by ordinance require that the purchasing for any or all of the offices, boards, departments and commissions of the county shall be made in such manner and by such agency as the county board may determine.

Approved May 17, 1951.