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### CHAPTER 610

AN ACT to amend 252.14 (2); and to create 269.70 of the statutes, relating to court commissioners and conciliators in the circuit court in counties of a population of 500,000 or more.

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

SECTION 1. 252.14 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

252.14 (2) In counties having a population of 500,000 or more, the divorce counsel \* \* \*, *assistant divorce counsels and retired circuit judges appointed to act as conciliators pursuant to s. 269.70* may be appointed court commissioners, in addition to those appointed under sub. (1). The term of court commissioners appointed under this subsection and acting as divorce counsel or assistant divorce counsel shall be coextensive with their tenure of office. *The term of court commissioners appointed to act as conciliators under s. 269.70 shall continue until a successor is appointed and qualifies.*

SECTION 2. 269.70 of the statutes is created to read:

269.70 CONCILIATORS IN POPULOUS COUNTIES. (1) A circuit judge of the circuit court of any county of a population of 500,000 or more, may appoint, and remove at any time at his pleasure, any retired judge of such court to act, in matters referred to him by the judge, as conciliator in his branch in conciliation matters and in pretrial procedure under s. 269.65. Where a matter for conciliation is referred to him for such purpose, the conciliator shall have full authority to hear, determine and report findings to the court. Such conciliators may be appointed court commissioners as provided in s. 252.14 (2).

(2) The circuit judges of such county shall make rules, not inconsistent with law, governing procedure before and pertaining to such conciliators and the county board shall fix and provide for their compensation.

Approved July 21, 1953.