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CHAPTER 31

AN ACT to amend 59.34 (1) of the statutes, relating to the tenure of the county medical examiner in counties having a population of 500,000 or more.

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

59.34 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.34 (1) Take inquest of the dead when required by law, except that in counties having a population of 500,000 or more such duty and the powers incident thereto shall be vested exclusively in the office of the medical examiner hereby created. * * * Appointment to such office

shall be made by the county board of supervisors *under ss. 16.31 to 16.441.*
* * * Such office may be occupied on a full or part-time basis and shall be paid such compensation as the county board of supervisors of such county may by ordinance provide. The medical examiner may appoint such assistants as the county board shall authorize. Whenever requested by the court or district attorney, the medical examiner shall testify to facts and conclusions disclosed by autopsies performed by him, at his direction, or in his presence; shall make physical examinations and tests incident to any matter of a criminal nature up for consideration before either court or district attorney when requested so to do; shall testify as an expert for either such court or the state in all matters where such examinations or tests have been made, and perform such other duties of a pathological or medicolegal nature as may be required; and without fees or compensation other than the salary provided.

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