

1977 Assembly Bill 564

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## CHAPTER 259, Laws of 1977

AN ACT to amend 59.031 (2) (b) and 59.05 (title) and (1) of the statutes, relating to appointing the head of the county auditing department.

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

SECTION 1. 59.031 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.031 (2) (b) Appoint the heads of all departments in the classified service of the county except where the statutes provide that the appointment shall be made by a board or commission or by other elected officers; but he or she shall, subsequent to August 27, 1959, also appoint all department heads where the law provides that the appointment shall be made by the ~~chairman~~ chairperson of the county board or by the county board except as provided under s. 59.05 (1). Such ~~appointments~~ appointment, except an appointment under s. 59.05 (1), shall not require the confirmation of the county board. The county executive may file charges for the removal, discharge, or suspension of any persons so appointed.

SECTION 2. 59.05 (title) and (1) of the statutes are amended to read:

**59.05 (title) Chairperson; vice chairperson; power and duties.** (1) The board, at the first meeting after each regular election at which members are elected for full terms, shall elect a member ~~chairman~~. He chairperson. The chairperson shall perform all duties required of the ~~chairman~~ chairperson until the board elects ~~his~~ a successor. ~~He~~ The

chairperson may administer oaths to persons required to be sworn concerning any matter submitted to the board or a committee thereof or connected with their powers or duties. ~~He~~ The chairperson shall countersign all ordinances of the board, and shall preside at meetings when present. When directed by ordinance ~~he~~ the chairperson shall countersign all county orders, transact all necessary board business with local and county officers, expedite all measures resolved upon by the board and shall take care that all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations pertaining to county government are enforced. Notwithstanding s. 59.031 (2) (b), the chairperson shall appoint the head of the county auditing department, subject to confirmation by the county board.

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