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

**SECTION 1.** 46.21 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

46.21 (7) APPLICABILITY. Except as provided in s. 59.07 (153), this section does not apply, with respect to the county hospital under s. 49.16 (2), if the county board of supervisors acts under s. 59.07 (153).

**SECTION 2.** 49.16 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

49.16 (2) In counties with a population of 500,000 or more, an institution established under sub. (1) shall be governed under s. 46.21 or 59.07 (153), but in all other counties it shall be governed under ss. 46.18, 46.19 and 46.20.

**SECTION 3.** 59.07 (153) of the statutes is created to read:

59.07 (153) COUNTY HOSPITAL. (a) In counties having a population of 500,000 or more, determine policy for the operation, maintenance and improvement of the county hospital under s. 49.16 (2) and, notwithstanding the powers and duties specified under s. 46.21 (2) (k), (3r) and (6) with respect to the county hospital and the administrator and specified under s. 46.21 (2) (b), (L), (m), (n), (nm), (o), (p) and (q) and (3g), provide for the management of the county hospital as the board considers appropriate, except that the employee positions at the hospital will be county employee positions. If the board acts under this subsection, the board may not discontinue operation, maintenance and improvement of the county hospital under s. 49.16 (2) and shall exercise the duties under s. 46.21 (4m).

(b) This subsection does not apply if the board acts under s. 46.21 with respect to the county hospital under s. 49.16 (2).