

of any law, or for any other reason, shall deem it his duty to defend rather than prosecute.

3. When any such special counsel shall be employed, a contract in writing shall be entered into between the state and such counsel, in which shall be fixed the compensation to be paid to special counsel by the state, which contract shall be executed in behalf of the state by the governor * * * and shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state * * * .

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 269.

AN ACT to create section 4734m of the statutes, relating to the appointment of probation officers in counties having a population of two hundred and fifty thousand or more.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 4734m. In all counties having a population of two hundred and fifty thousand or more, the municipal court having jurisdiction concurrent with the circuit court in criminal cases, shall have charge of all persons placed on probation by the court, instead of the state board of control; and said court shall appoint one probation officer, who shall be a resident of said county, and said probation officer when appointed shall be an officer of the court and subject to the control of the court, at a salary of not less than fifteen hundred dollars per annum and such necessary expenses as may from time to time be allowed by the county board, to be paid by the county treasurer in the same manner as other county officers are paid. Said probation officer shall have power of arrest, and shall have charge of all persons who are placed upon probation by said court, and shall carry out all orders with reference to said persons placed on probation as the court may, in its discretion, from time to time order and direct. The county board of said county, having a population of two hundred and fifty thousand or more, may, from time to time, increase the number of said probation officers. The county board shall fix the salary of such probation officers, and provide offices and stationery for the same.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved June 8, 1911.