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**CHAPTER 186.**

AN ACT to create 59.08 (59) of the statutes, relating to authorizing county boards of certain counties to employ a corporation counsel.

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

59.08 (59) of the statutes is created to read:

59.08 (59) CORPORATION COUNSEL. The county board of any county containing a population of 50,000 or more, other than of a county containing a city of the first class, may employ a corporation counsel, fix his salary and appropriate money therefor. Such employment may be terminated at any time by a majority vote of all members of the county board. The duties of the corporation counsel shall be limited to civil matters and shall include giving legal counsel and opinions to the county board and its committees and interpreting the rights, powers and duties of the county board and county officers and departments. Whenever any of the powers and duties conferred upon the corporation counsel are concurrent with similar powers or duties presently conferred by law upon the district attorney, the district attorney's powers or duties shall cease to the extent that they are so conferred upon the corporation counsel and the district attorney shall be relieved of the responsibility for performing such powers or duties. Opinions of the corporation counsel on all such matters shall have the same force and

effect as opinions of the district attorney. The corporation counsel may request the attorney-general to consult and advise with him in the same manner as district attorneys as provided by section 14.53 (3).

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