

making of such writing or record, or photostatic, microphotographic, or photographic reproduction thereof, including lack of personal knowledge by the entrant or maker, may be shown to affect the weight, but not the admissibility thereof. As used in this section the term "business" shall mean and include business, industry, profession, occupation and calling of every kind, including all functions of state, county and municipal government. The provisions of this section shall supersede any provision of law in conflict therewith.

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CHAPTER 408.

AN ACT to renumber 247.13 to be 247.13 (1) and 252.14 to be 252.14 (1); to amend 166.08 and 247.13 (1) as renumbered; and to create 247.13 (2) and 252.14 (2) of the statutes, relating to the office of divorce counsel, illegitimacy, and court commissioners 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:

SECTION 1. 166.08 of the statutes is amended to read:

166.08 The district attorney shall appear and prosecute all illegitimacy proceedings including both the preliminary examination in justice court and the proceedings in the trial court and all subsequent proceedings brought to modify the original judgment or agreement. Private counsel in behalf of the complainant may appear with the district attorney, and reasonable attorneys' fees may be allowed and taxed against the defendant. The district attorney shall draft all agreements referred to in section 166.07. *After the effective date of this amendment in counties having a population of 500,000 or more the corporation counsel of such county or an assistant corporation counsel shall have all the powers and perform all the duties conferred or imposed upon the district attorney by this chapter exclusively and in lieu of such district attorney.*

SECTION 2. 247.13 of the statutes is renumbered to be 247.13 (1) and is amended to read:

247.13 (1) In each county of the state, *except in counties having a population of 500,000 or more*, the circuit judge or judges in and for such county shall by order filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court on or before the first Monday of July of each year, appoint some reputable attorney, of recognized ability and standing at the bar, divorce counsel for such county. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties such counsel shall take and file the official oath. The person so appointed shall continue to act until his successor is appointed and duly qualified. * * *

SECTION 3. 247.13 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

247.13 (2) In any county having a population of 500,000 or more, there is created in the classified civil service the office of divorce counsel and an assistant divorce counsel who shall be appointed from the membership of the bar residing in such county by the judges of the circuit court of such county, pursuant to the provisions of sections 16.31 to 16.44. Before entering upon the performance of his duties, such divorce counsel and assistant divorce counsel shall take and file the official oath. Such divorce counsel and assistant divorce counsel may be appointed court commissioners as provided in section 252.14 (2). They shall receive such salary as may be fixed by the county board, shall perform their duties under the direction of the circuit judges of such county and shall be furnished with quarters and necessary office furnishings and supplies. The county board shall provide them their necessary stenographic and investigational service. The assistant divorce counsel shall perform all the duties and have all the powers of the divorce counsel when so directed by the latter or in his absence or disability. In addition to the duties of such divorce counsel as defined in chapter 247, he shall perform such other duties as the circuit court of such county may direct.

SECTION 4. 252.14 of the statutes is renumbered 252.14 (1).

SECTION 5. 252.14 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

252.14 (2) In counties having a population of 500,000 or more, the divorce counsel and one assistant divorce counsel may be appointed court commissioners, in addition to those appointed under subsection (1). The term of court commissioners appointed under this subsection shall be co-extensive with their tenure of office.

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