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CHAPTER 40

AN ACT to amend 16.31 (1) and 59.21 (8) (a) of the statutes, relating to county civil service systems.

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

SECTION 1. 16.31(1) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.31 COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; APPOINTMENT; TERMS. (1) There shall be a civil service commission in every county containing 200,000 inhabitants or more according to the last state or United States census *and in all other counties the county board of supervisors may establish a civil service commission*, called "Commission" in ss. 16.31 to 16.44. Such commission shall consist of 5 members, all of whom shall be legal residents of the county. Appointments shall be made on the basis of recognized and demonstrated interest in and knowledge of the problems of civil service. No person holding any elective or appointive public position or office of any sort in said county government shall be appointed thereon.

SECTION 2. 59.21 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.21 (8) (a) In counties having a population of less than 500,000, the county board may by ordinance fix the number of deputy sheriffs to be appointed in said county which number shall not be less than that required by sub. (1) (a) and (b), and fix the salary of such deputies; and may further provide by ordinance, that deputy sheriff positions shall be filled by appointment by the sheriff from a list of 3 persons for each position, such list to consist of the 3 candidates who shall receive the highest rating in a competitive examination of persons residing in such county for at least one full year prior to the date of such examination. Such competitive examinations may be by a county civil service commission or by the state bureau of personnel at the option of the county board and it shall so provide by ordinance. The director of the state bureau of personnel shall upon request of the county board conduct such examination according to the methods used in examinations for the state civil service and shall certify an eligible list of 3 names for each position to the sheriff of such county who shall thereupon make an appointment from such list to fill such position within 10 days after the receipt of such eligible list. The county for which such examination is conducted shall pay the cost thereof. In the event that a civil service commission is decided upon for the selection of deputy sheriffs, then the provisions of ss. 16.31 to 16.44 shall apply so far as consistent with this subsection, except sections 16.33, 16.34 and 16.43 and except the provision governing minimum compensa-

tion of the commissioners * * *. The ordinance or an amending ordinance may provide for employe grievance procedures and disciplinary actions, for hours of work, for tours of duty according to seniority and for other administrative regulations. County board provisions consistent herewith and existing on July 25, 1951 are validated.

Approved April 19, 1955.
