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CHAPTER 319

AN ACT to create 14.526 of the statutes, relating to the establishment of a division of criminal investigation in the attorney general's office.

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

14.526 of the statutes is created to read:

14.526 DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION. (1) There is created within the office of the attorney general the division of criminal investigation for the purpose of investigating crime which is state-wide

in nature, importance or influence.

(2) Of the assistant attorneys general appointed under s. 14.52, one shall be assigned to initiating and supervising the investigations referred to in sub. (1), and the attorney general shall appoint, under the classified service, not to exceed 5 investigators for said division who shall have the same general police powers as are conferred upon peace officers. Such investigators shall:

(a) 1. Be graduates of a law school approved by the American bar association, or

2. Be licensed as certified public accountants, and

3. Have training and experience equivalent to that of an investigator for the federal bureau of investigation; or

(b) Any person who has had at least 10 years experience in investi-

gating crime.
(3) Local district attorneys, sheriffs and chiefs of police are directed to co-operate and assist the personnel of the division in the detection of the crimes enumerated herein.

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