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CHAPTER 490

AN ACT to amend 48.17, 48.18 and 253.18 (2) of the statutes, relating to the disposition of youthful traffic offenders 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. 48.17 and 48.18 of the statutes are amended to read:

48.17 * * * Courts of civil jurisdiction shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the juvenile court in proceedings against children for violation of county or municipal ordinances enacted under s. 349.06 * * * , *except that in counties having a population of 500,000 or more such concurrent jurisdiction shall be vested solely in the traffic-misdemeanor court branch (Branch No. 12)*; but disposition of such cases shall be made under s. 48.36 instead of under the ordinance.

48.18 (1) *Except as provided in sub. (2) and s. 253.18 (2)*, the criminal and civil courts shall have jurisdiction over a child 16 or older who is alleged to have violated a state law or a county or municipal ordinance only if the juvenile court judge deems it contrary to the best interests of such child or of the public to hear the case and enters an order waiving his jurisdiction and referring the matter to the district attorney, corporation

counsel or city attorney, for appropriate proceedings in a criminal or civil court. In that event, the district attorney, corporation counsel or city attorney of the county or municipality shall proceed with the case in the same manner as though the jurisdiction of the juvenile court had never attached.

(2) In counties having a population of 500,000 or more and having a traffic-misdemeanor court branch, the concurrent jurisdiction of said court branch pursuant to s. 48.17 shall not be dependent upon any such order of the juvenile court judge waiving his jurisdiction, and cases specified in said section may be brought and heard initially before the traffic-misdemeanor court branch.

SECTION 2. 253.18 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

253.18 (2) In counties having a population of 500,000 or more, branches Nos. 1 and 2 shall be the probate branches, branch No. 3 shall be the traffic court branch. Branch No. 4 shall be the misdemeanor court branch. Branch No. 11 shall be the juvenile court branch. Branch No. 12 shall be the traffic-misdemeanor court branch *and shall in addition to all jurisdiction otherwise prescribed or conferred by ss. 253.11 (2) and 253.12 have such jurisdiction as set forth in ss. 48.17 and 48.18 (2).* Branches Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 shall be the civil court branches. The revenue from all actions for the violation of ordinances of a city of the first class, in any such county, brought in the county court shall be paid to the city monthly as provided in s. 288.10. Said city of the first class shall have access to all books and records concerned with accounting of revenues and expenditures relating to this chapter.

Approved April 28, 1964.
