



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2005 Wisconsin Act 127**  
[2005 Assembly Bill 201]

### **Authority of Coroners and Medical Examiners to Serve in Emergency Services Positions**

*2005 Wisconsin Act 127* addresses the authority of coroners and medical examiners to serve and act in certain emergency services positions. The Act:

- Allows coroners, deputy coroners, medical examiners, and assistant medical examiners to also serve as paid, not just volunteer, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), first responders, or firefighters.
- Extends the prohibition on participation by a coroner in any case in which the coroner may be required to participate as an EMT, first responder, or firefighter to also apply to deputy coroners, medical examiners, and assistant medical examiners.
- Allows, where a conflict exists and no one from the county is available to act, a coroner, deputy coroner, medical examiner, or medical examiner assistant from “another” county, not only a “nearby” county, to act.

**Effective Date:** Act 127 became effective March 25, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.