

1971 Assembly Bill 735

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AN ACT to amend 59.97 (1) and (2) (a) of the statutes, relating to county planning.

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

59.97 (1) and (2) (a) of the statutes are amended to read:

59.97 (1) PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this section to promote the public health, safety, convenience and general welfare; to encourage planned and orderly land use development; to protect property values and the property tax base; to permit the careful planning and efficient maintenance of highway systems; to insure adequate highway, utility, health, educational and recreational facilities; to recognize the needs of agriculture, forestry, industry and business in future growth; to encourage uses of land and other natural resources which are in accordance with their character and adaptability; to preserve wetlands; to conserve soil, water and forest resources; to protect the beauty and amenities of landscape and man-made developments; to provide healthy surroundings for family life; and to promote the efficient and economical use of public funds. To accomplish this purpose the county board of any county ~~;~~ ~~except such counties that are included in a regional planning area under a regional planning program adopted pursuant to s. 66.945,~~ may plan for the physical development and zoning of territory within the county as set forth in this section and shall incorporate therein the master plan adopted pursuant to s. 62.23 (2) or (3) and the official map adopted pursuant to s. 62.23 (6) of any city or village therein.

(2) (a) The county board of any county ~~;~~ ~~except counties, or parts thereof, included in a regional planning program organized pursuant to s. 66.945,~~ may create a planning and zoning committee or designate any previously established committee to act in all matters pertaining to county planning and zoning. If a special committee is created it shall consist of the county highway commissioner; the county park commissioner, if any; 3 members selected by the county board from its membership; and 2 citizen members, who shall reside and own real property in the county, selected by the county board. The members of the committee shall be appointed for terms of 2 years. The county board may add, by ordinance, no more than 2 citizen members to such committee. Unless otherwise provided by ordinance, county zoning agencies in existence on July 22, 1967 shall be designated the planning and zoning committee of the county with all the powers and duties herein specified.