

552, 610, 613, 620, 632, 633, 635, 650 and 661 of Wisconsin Session Laws for the year 1911; and chapters 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, 20 and 22 of Wisconsin Session Laws for the year 1912, enacted at the special session; and chapters 8, 65, 119, 273, 298, 335, 343, 412, 436, 459, 492, 581, 592, 629, 634, 680, 686, 710, 753 and 772 of Wisconsin Session Laws for the year 1913; and chapters 3 and 4 of Wisconsin Session Laws for the year 1915 are added to section 4978 of the statutes at appropriate places according to their numbers and dates as further acts repealed by said section.

SECTION 34. This act takes effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 500.

AN ACT to create section 1636—250 of the statutes creating a state department of engineering and making an appropriation.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. There is added to the statutes a new section to read: Section 1636—250. 1. There is hereby created a department of engineering for the state of Wisconsin.

2. On the first day of July, 1915, and whenever thereafter the office hereby created shall become vacant for any cause, the railroad commission of Wisconsin shall appoint, subject to approval by the governor, a state chief engineer, who shall have a general knowledge of the subject and profession of engineering. The compensation of the said chief engineer shall be fixed by the railroad commission by and with the approval of the governor. He shall hold office until his successor shall be appointed, but the governor may at any time for good cause, upon hearing, remove such person.

3. The chief engineer shall, as herein provided, have charge of and supervision over all engineering or architectural work performed by or for the state or by or for any of the departments, boards or commissions of the state or in the promotion of any engineering or architectural project undertaken by the state, including work in constructing, altering or rebuilding any building, power or electric plant, heating or pumping station owned or constructed or to be constructed by the state. He shall have the power and it shall be his duty to examine and

inquire into the manner of operating all state-owned power and electric plants and pumping or heating stations and to direct such changes in the methods or processes employed as will result in the most economical and efficient operation thereof. The superintendent or other person having charge of the operation of any power or electric plant, heating or pumping station in connection with any state institution shall keep accurate records and accounts showing completely and in detail the result of operation of the plant and the cost per unit of its product or service to the state. He shall report or cause to be reported to the governing board, or body or officers in charge of such state department or institution in such manner and at such times as the said chief engineer shall require the details of the records and accounts kept by him, and the said governing board shall transmit these records to the chief engineer who shall cause the information and data reported to him to be compiled and published in the annual report hereinafter provided for.

4. The chief engineer shall furnish engineering and architectural services to any branch or department of the state government upon requisition duly made by the head of the department requiring such services, and the expense thereof shall be charged to and paid out of the appropriation made by the legislature to the department, board or commission receiving such service. Whenever any state board, administrative or executive officers may deem it necessary to have engineering or architectural work performed for the state upon contract, they shall so notify the chief engineer, who shall act in connection with the board or administrative or executive officers having charge of the letting of such contract, and no claim or compensation on such contract or for work performed under the terms thereof shall be paid unless the written claim therefor shall be audited and countersigned by the state chief engineer before said claim is certified to the secretary of state.

5. No department, board, commission, officer or agent of the state shall employ or expend money for architectural purposes or for engineering purposes on behalf of the state except as herein provided. This statute shall not be construed, however, as removing from the control of the governing board or body of officers in charge of any state department or institution the employment or compensation of superintendents of buildings and grounds and assistants of superintendents, operatives or persons to perform the work of operating any power or electric plant, pumping or heating station run in connection with such institution.

6. The chief engineer is authorized to appoint such clerical and stenographic assistants and employes to be selected from civil service lists in accordance with sections 990—1 to 990—32, inclusive, of the statutes, and such expert assistants, with the approval of the governor, as shall be necessary to fully discharge the duties imposed upon his department. Whenever any state board or administrative or executive officers may require continuous engineering or architectural service, the chief engineer may appoint an assistant or assistants, who shall, under the general direction of the chief engineer and the immediate direction of such state board, administrative or executive officer, have charge of and supervision over the work for such a department, board or commission. Said assistant or assistants may be designated state highway engineer, state architect, university architect, or by such titles as will best describe or indicate the branch or division of the work of which he shall have charge. Such appointment shall be made with the approval of the head of the department or board over whose work such assistant is to have supervision. The engineers, architects and other experts employed under this section shall be exempt from the operation of sections 990—1 to 990—32, inclusive.

7. The state chief engineer shall keep or cause to be kept accurate records of the work done by his department and of the expenditures in connection therewith, and whenever possible the said expenditures shall be charged directly against the appropriation of the department, board or commission on whose behalf they were made. Whenever expenditures are incurred on behalf of two or more departments, boards or commissions of the state jointly, they shall be apportioned between the departments, boards or commissions chargeable therewith, and the salary of the chief engineer and such other overhead expenses as may be incurred in connection with administering the work of his department shall be apportioned in accordance with recognized accounting practices between all of the state departments, boards or commissions for whom work has been done.

8. The chief engineer shall prepare or cause to be prepared and published an annual report showing the expenditures of his department, and expenditures on behalf of each department, board or commission for which work has been done, and said annual report shall show in tabular form the cost of operation per unit of product or service of each power or electric plant, heating or pumping station operated by any state institution and a summary of the engineering or architectural work performed for the state during the period covered by the report.

9. The superintendent of public property shall provide said state chief engineer with suitable rooms, and with furniture, materials, stationery and other supplies with which to perform the duties of his office.

10. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter are repealed insofar as they conflict or are inconsistent therewith.

11. This statute, however, shall not be construed as removing from office any engineers, architects or other experts now employed by any state department or institution until successors are duly appointed in accordance with the provisions herein contained.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved Aug. 5, 1915.

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## CHAPTER 501.

AN ACT directing the state board of control to provide medical and surgical services for John Daniel Rivers, an infant, for an injury sustained by him while in the state industrial school for boys at Waukesha, Wisconsin, the cost of such services to be charged to the appropriation provided in subsection 30 of section 172—67.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The state board of control is directed to provide medical and surgical services for John Daniel Rivers, an infant, for an injury sustained by him while in the state industrial school for boys at Waukesha, Wisconsin. The cost of such services shall be charged to the appropriation provided in subsection 30 of section 172—67.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved August 5, 1915.