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**CHAPTER 606.**

AN ACT to repeal subsections 3 and 4 of section 990—55 and section 990—57, to create a new subsection of section 990—55 to be numbered 3, to amend subsection 1 of section 990—42, section 990—45, subsection 1 of section 990—46 and section 990—48, and to create subsection 8 of section 990—56 of the statutes, relating to the board of public affairs.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections 3 and 4 of section 990—55 and section 990—57 of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 2. There is added to section 990—55 of the statutes a new subsection to be numbered and to read: (Section 990—55) 3. Not later than July 1, 1916, the board shall distribute to each public body the proper blanks necessary to preparation of budget estimates which shall show the actual revenues and expenses including accruals of all public bodies for at least the two prior fiscal years and the two years 1914—15 and 1912—13 and shall show in corresponding detail the estimated revenues and expenses including accruals for all public bodies for the biennial period 1917—18 and 1918—19 and shall further show whether and in what amounts the estimates are larger or smaller than the corresponding items of expenditures for each of the five years 1912—13, 1913—14, 1914—15, 1915—16 and 1916—17.

Not later than September 1, 1916, each public body shall return to the board its estimates of the succeeding biennium with full explanation of reasons for changes above or below the corresponding items for the previous biennium. The estimates from all public bodies shall be immediately compiled under direction of the board and reviewed by means of such field examinations and interviews or correspondence as may be necessary to secure full information.

The results of these examinations together with the estimates and departmental explanations shall, between the tenth day of November and the first day of December, 1916, be laid before the whole board which shall not divide into committee for such review. The governor-elect shall be invited and shall have the right to be present at such meetings or to have a representative attend and shall be given such information as the board possesses. All reports and information which are sent to members of the board shall be sent to the governor-elect.

Not later than December 15, 1916, the board shall recommend to the legislature a budget which in addition to giving compari-

son of estimates for the succeeding biennium with each of the five years, 1912-13, 1913-14, 1914-15, 1915-16 and 1916-17, shall also give the amounts which the board recommends, item for item, with columns showing whether the recommended allowances are equal to, above or below the amounts requested and whether they are equal to, above or below the amounts for the first year of the preceding biennium together with explanatory notes which will show the board's reasons for recommending allowances and disallowances. With the printed recommendations and reasons for recommendations shall be included a record of the vote upon each recommendation, where such vote is not unanimous. The report shall include any recommendations which a minority or the governor-elect may wish to have included in the report.

Not later than January 1, 1917, copies of the estimates with the board's recommendations shall be distributed to members of the legislature.

SECTION 3. Subsection 1 of section 990—42, section 990—45, subsection 1 of section 990—46 and section 990—48 of the statutes are amended to read: (Section 990—42) 1. Upon publication of this act the governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, appoint the members of such board, other than the ex officio members thereof. The term of office of such board shall be for a term of two years. At the close of said term the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate shall appoint successors other than the ex officio members thereof and such board shall hold office for a term of one and one-half years after which the board shall go out of existence. Members so appointed subsequent to the adjournment of the legislature shall be qualified to act until the question of their confirmation has been acted upon by the senate.

Section 990—45. The governor shall be chairman *and executive officer* of the board *and as such shall be responsible for executing the duties imposed upon the board and the program authorized by the board*, and the board shall elect a vice chairman to act in the absence of the governor.

(Section 990—46.) 1. Such board may appoint and employ a secretary, and such experts and other employes as may be found necessary in carrying out the provisions of the board and in performing the duties incumbent upon such board and shall fix the compensation to be received by each. *The secretary shall be a man of experience and character that qualify him to direct investigations into the operation of public bodies and into the business and financial methods employed by them, to prepare blanks*

*for budget estimates, and to perform all other duties required by such office.*

Section 990—48. The board shall have the power to adopt and publish rules to govern the proceedings, and to regulate the mode and manner of all investigations made by it and under its direction, and of all hearings held before it. *The records of the board including records of time and money spent upon the board's investigation and other work shall be open to public inspection subject only to reasonable regulations.*

SECTION 4. There is added to section 990—56 of the statutes a new subsection to read: (Section 990—56) 8. It shall also investigate duplication of work of public bodies and the efficiency of the organization and administration of such public bodies and shall formulate plans for the greater coördination of such public bodies and the improvement of state administration in general. The board shall report the results of such investigations to the elected members of the legislature not later than December 15, 1916, with specific printed recommendations giving in detail the reasons therefor. *In all reports published or otherwise submitted by the board the conclusions or recommendations shall be accompanied by a summary of the facts upon which the conclusion or findings are based, the names of the members of the board who approved the report and a summary of the investigation pursued to secure the facts. Where the board is not unanimous in its recommendations or findings, a summary of the minority position shall be included with the majority report.*

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 607.

AN ACT to amend subsection 1 of section 10 of chapter 608, laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 328, laws of 1915, relating to sewage disposal works in cities of the first class.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection 1 of section 10 of chapter 608, laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 328, laws of 1915, is amended to read: (Ch. 608, laws of 1913, section 10) 1. Such commission shall report to the common council of such city under this act at or before the first meeting of the council in August in each year until all of the work of the commission shall have been completed, the amount of money required for the next fiscal year for