

No. 656, A.]

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CHAPTER 458.

AN ACT to amend subdivision (3) of subsection 8 of section 1317m—5, and subsections 1, 4, 6 and 7 of section 1319 of the statutes, relating to county aid bridge construction and the powers of county state road and bridge committees.

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

SECTION 1. Subdivision (3) of subsection 8 of section 1317m—5 and subsections 1, 4, 6 and 7 of section 1319 of the statutes are amended to read: (Section 1317m—5. 8) (3) The powers and duties of the county committee shall be as follows:

(a) To purchase and sell county road machinery as authorized by the county board;

(b) To determine whether each piece of state road and bridge construction in a county shall be let by contract, or whether it shall be done by day labor;

(c) To enter into such contracts, in the name of the county, and to make such arrangements as may be necessary for the proper prosecution of such construction and maintenance of highways and bridges as is provided for by the county board. *The county state road and bridge committee shall be the only committee representing the county in the expenditure of county funds in constructing or maintaining, or in aiding in constructing or maintaining any roads or bridges within the county;*

(d) To direct the expenditure of maintenance funds provided from automobile license fees, or by direct tax by the county board;

(e) To meet from time to time at the county seat to audit, together with the county clerk, all pay rolls, and material claims and vouchers resulting from the construction of state aid roads and bridges;

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* * * (f) To perform such other duties as may be delegated to it by the county board;

* * * (g) To perform all other duties not specifically set forth in this section, but which are imposed upon said committee by the statutes.

(Section 1319) 1. Whenever any town board shall file its petition with the proper county board setting forth the fact that said town has voted to construct or repair any bridge wholly or partly within such town, designating as near as may be the location of such bridge, and further stating that such town has provided for the payment of such proportion of the

cost of such construction or repairs as is required by this section, the said county board shall appropriate such sum as is required by this section, to be paid by the county and shall cause such sum to be levied upon taxable property of the county as will, with the amount provided by said town, be sufficient to defray the expense of erecting or repairing such bridge so petitioned for, and such money, when collected, shall be paid out on the order of the chairman of the county board and county clerk whenever the said town board and the * * * *county state road and bridge committee* shall notify them that the work has been completed and accepted.

4. Whenever the construction or repair of any bridge lying wholly or partly within any town is required to be made without delay, by reason of being washed out or damaged by floods or other cause, the town may file its petition with the county clerk and the *county state road and bridge committee* setting forth the facts respecting such immediate necessity for construction or repairs. * * * *It shall then be the duty of the town board and the county state road and bridge committee to arrange for the reconstruction of the said bridge with the least possible delay. The town board is hereby authorized to borrow the entire cost of the said bridge and to include the town's share of such cost in the next succeeding tax levy, provided that if the said town's share of such cost shall exceed the amount produced by a tax of two mills upon the assessed valuation of said town, a special town meeting to act upon the question of voting funds shall be required.* The construction or repair of a bridge performed and accepted pursuant to this subsection, shall entitle the town to county aid to an amount of money equal to that which the town would have been entitled to if it had filed its petition with the county board as hereinbefore set forth, and the county board shall levy such sum upon the taxable property of the county; provided, however, that the county board shall not appropriate money under this subsection to reimburse any town for the construction or repair of any bridge, the cost of which would not be sufficient to authorize the county to aid the town in construction of such bridge under the other provisions of this section.

6. * * * *The county state road and bridge committee shall co-operate with the board of such town; and such board and the said * * * committee shall have full charge and authority to act in the letting, inspecting and acceptance of the work.* * * *

7. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit

any county board from constructing or repairing any bridge in its county if it shall so desire; and if the whole of the cost of the construction or repairs of any bridge or bridges is to be borne by any county, or any county shall arrange with such town so as to assume and have exclusive charge of such work, then the county * * * *state road and bridge committee shall* direct the letting, inspecting and acceptance of such work in such manner as it may deem proper.

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

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CHAPTER 459.

AN ACT to create section 697—47b of the statutes, relating to the powers of boards of administration in counties having a population of two hundred fifty thousand or more.

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

SECTION 1. A new section is added to the statutes to read: Section 697—47b. 1. The board of administration is hereby empowered to establish and conduct clinics in connection with the county hospital, subject to such rules and regulations as it may prescribe.

2. Said board of administration, upon authorization of the county board and subject to such rules and regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by said county board, shall have and exercise the following additional powers:

(a) To establish and maintain a public health and medical dispensary and conduct same as may be proper and necessary for the preservation of the public health and the prevention of disease in said county.

(b) To establish and maintain in connection with said county hospital, an emergency unit or department for the treatment, subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by said board of administration, of persons in said county who may meet with accidents or be suddenly afflicted with sickness, not contagious; provided, however, that medical care and treatment shall only be furnished in such unit or department until such time as the patient may be safely removed to another hospital or to his or her place of abode or regularly admitted to said county hospital.

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

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