

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.

Approved June 27, 1919.