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CHAPTER 49.

AN ACT to repeal 15.11 (3); to renumber 15.11 (4); to amend 13.05, 15.11 (1) (a) and 15.12; and to repeal and recreate 15.11 (2) of the statutes, relating to executive budget bills.

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

SECTION 1. 13.05 of the statutes is amended to read:

13.05 A joint standing committee, to be called the committee on finance and to consist of 14 members, 5 from the senate and 9 from the assembly, shall be appointed at the commencement of each session of the legislature. The method of appointment of members in each house shall be governed by the rules thereof. The committee may employ a clerk. *The chairmen may appoint a subcommittee on small appropriations and claims consisting of members chosen from the committee membership. The subcommittee shall meet and hold hearings at the direction of the committee and report its recommendations to the committee. The subcommittee may act on bills not exceeding \$10,000 and claims not exceeding \$2,500.*

SECTION 2. 15.11 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

15.11 (1) (a) The executive budget bills shall incorporate the governor's recommendations for appropriations for the succeeding biennium. One bill shall cover each of the following operating funds: *the general fund, the highway fund and the conservation fund.* Each appropriation in each bill except those for highway construction and aids to local units shall be divided into 3 allotments; personal services, other operating expenses, and capital outlay. Immediately after the delivery of the budget message, the bills shall be introduced without change into either house by the joint finance committee and when introduced shall be referred to that committee.

SECTION 3. 15.11 (2) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

15.11 (2) No bill affecting the general fund and containing an appropriation or increasing the cost of state government or decreasing state revenues shall be passed by either house until the general fund budget bill has passed both houses; except that the governor may recommend and the legislature enact emergency general fund appropriation bills which shall continue in effect only until the general fund budget bill becomes effective or until the next succeeding July 1, whichever is later.

SECTION 4. 15.11 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 5. 15.11 (4) of the statutes is renumbered to be 15.11 (3).

SECTION 6. 15.12 of the statutes is amended to read:

15.12 At any time during the regular session but not later than 5 days after the passage by both houses of the * * * budget bill *relating to the general fund*, the joint committee on finance shall report to the legislature in the form of a joint resolution, to be introduced in either house, the information hereinafter set forth and its recommendations as to fiscal policy concerning state revenues and appropriations for the next biennium. Such information shall include: The estimated condition of the general fund on the succeeding July 1; the estimated general fund revenues during the ensuing biennium; the total amount of appropriations in the * * * budget * * * bills; the estimated condition of the general fund at the end of the ensuing biennium; and such other information as the committee may deem pertinent including the total estimated amount of appropriations in all bills other than the * * * budget * * * bills pending before the legislature. The report shall include the committee's recommendations as to the required unappropriated surplus at the end of the ensuing biennium and as to

the maximum total of all appropriations for the ensuing biennium. The report may also contain such other recommendations pertinent to fiscal policy as the committee may deem advisable. * * *

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