

SECTION 2. A new subsection is added to section 35.84 of the statutes to read: (35.84) (13a) To each member of the legislature at each regular session thereof, one hundred highway wall maps of Wisconsin, one hundred highway pocket maps of Wisconsin, and one hundred mounted railroad wall maps of Wisconsin.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 542.

AN ACT to amend section 45.10 to repeal sections 45.11, 45.12, 45.13, 45.14 and 45.15 and to create a new section to be numbered 45.11 of the statutes, relating to county tax for needy soldiers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 45.10 of the statutes is amended to read: 45.10 It shall be the duty of every county board to annually levy, in addition to all other taxes, a tax not less than * * * *one-fifteenth*, nor more than one-fifth of one mill upon the value of the taxable property in the county as determined by said board; such tax to be levied and collected as other county taxes for the purpose of creating a fund for the relief of needy soldiers, sailors or marines, who performed military or naval service for the United States in time of war, the indigent wives, widows, minor and helpless children of such deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent parents of such soldiers, sailors or marines, who have not left surviving them widows or children entitled to relief under the provisions thereof. At the end of each fiscal year, any unexpended balance in such fund shall be transferred to the general fund, *but such unexpended balance so transferred to the general fund shall be again transferred from said general fund to the fund for the relief of needy soldiers as provided in this section to be used in addition to the amount to be levied in any ensuing year thereafter.*

SECTION 2. Sections 45.11, 45.12, 45.13, 45.14 and 45.15 of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 3. A new section is added to the statutes to be numbered and to read: 45.11 (1) Any soldier, sailor, marine or any other person enumerated in section 45.10 who requires aid under the provisions of section 45.10 may make and file with the county judge of the respective county where such person resides on or

before November first of each year a written application duly signed by such person or some person legally authorized to act for him; said application to contain the name, residence, general financial circumstances, estimated amount necessary for the needs of said person for the ensuing year and any other facts upon which the application for relief is based. Such application to be duly acknowledged before a person authorized to take oaths.

(2) The county judge of the respective counties where the application is filed shall have jurisdiction over all matters arising under section 45.10, and shall determine the amount, if any, to which the respective applicant is entitled.

(3) The county judge of the respective counties where said applications are filed shall certify to the county board on or before the first day of their annual meetings a list containing the names of all resident indigent persons of the classes mentioned in section 45.10 in their respective towns, villages or cities, who may require and be entitled to relief thereunder and the probable amount necessary for that purpose for the ensuing year; and each county board shall at the November session thereof make such levy as will raise the necessary amount.

(4) The said judge may make or cause to be made such investigation and examination before the granting of aid to any person claiming aid under section 45.10 as he may deem necessary and shall always grant immediate relief in cases of unusual emergency affecting the persons enumerated in section 45.10. To assist in making investigations and examinations the judge of the respective counties may on July 1, 1919, appoint a soldier welfare board for his county to consist of three members, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the judge making the appointment. No salary or wages shall be paid to the members of said committee, but they shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, such expenses to be approved by the appointing judge and to be audited and paid by the county as other claims against such county are audited and paid. Such board shall advise and consult with the judge regarding the best method of investigating cases under the provisions of this section; establish a basis of household and other expenses to compute the amount of aid to be extended to the persons and objects mentioned in section 45.10, and assist them to expend aid granted economically and advise them how to keep accounts of expenses; recommend discontinuance and reductions in aid and generally to act, consult and confer with each other and the court relative to any and all problems relating to the respective parties to be aided and as to

the best methods of carrying out the provisions of this section economically and efficiently.

(5) The proceedings provided for by this section may include one or more persons, all of whom may be named in the same notice and order of the judge thereon.

(6) Upon such investigation the judge may, as the best interest that said person requires, grant aid to it or to any person legally authorized to receive such aid in behalf of said person.

(7) The aid granted shall in all cases be sufficient to enable the persons seeking relief to receive proper care but shall in no case exceed twenty dollars per month except in emergency cases where the aid to such person shall be left to the discretion of the court. No aid shall continue for a longer period than one year without reinvestigation.

(7a) Each respective person receiving aid under the provisions of this section shall file monthly with the judge of the county court of the proper county a statement showing the expenditures of all moneys received as aid under the provisions of this section together with the original receipts or vouchers therefor. The judge may require the person receiving aid to do such remunerative work as in his judgment he or she can do without detriment to the health or the neglect of household duties of the person seeking relief.

(8) The county board of each county shall annually appropriate a sum of money sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act. Upon the orders of the judge of the court having jurisdiction, the county treasurer shall pay out the amount ordered to be paid as aid, under the provisions of this section.

(9) The county clerk of each county shall make a report to the county board at its annual November meeting showing in detail the amounts of money advanced by the county to the residents of each town—village and city under the provisions of this section. The county board at such meeting shall determine the amount to be raised and paid by each such town, village and city to reimburse the county for the money so advanced. Within ten days after such determination the county clerk of each county shall certify to the clerk of and charge to each such town, village and city the amount so advanced. Each such town, city and village shall levy a tax sufficient to reimburse the county for such advances, to be collected as other taxes and paid into the county treasury. If any town, city or village shall fail to raise and pay over such money to the county the county board shall have authority to compel such payment.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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