

twenty days before the town meeting. The candidates so nominated shall be voted for and election had at the town meeting.

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

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## CHAPTER 81.

AN ACT to repeal subsection (1) of section 82.01, to amend paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 16.08, subsection (1) of section 20.49, and subsection (1) of section 82.02, and to create a new subsection (1) of section 82.01 of the statutes, abolishing the highway commission as now constituted, creating a new highway commission and making an appropriation. *The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Subsection (1) of section 82.01 of the statutes is repealed and the highway commission as now constituted is abolished.

SECTION 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 16.08, subsection (1) of section 20.49 and subsection (1) of section 82.02 of the statutes are amended to read: (16.08) (2) (d) \* \* \* *The state highway engineer, the deputy state highway engineer and the chief engineer of each division, bureau or department of the highway commission shall be exempt from the operation of the state civil service law.*

(20.49) (1) Annually, beginning July 1, 1926, one hundred thousand dollars, for the execution of its functions, \* \* \*. *Of this there is allotted to each appointive member of the commission an annual salary of six thousand dollars.*

(82.02) (1) (a) To employ such persons as may be needed to carry on its work, and assign to them such duties \* \* \* as it deems advisable. *All such employes shall be under the exclusive control and direction of the commission, and except as provided herein and in chapter 16, the approval of no other officer shall be necessary to give validity to the appointment of any such employe. The commission shall, subject to the approval of the governor, appoint \* \* \* a chief engineer, who shall be known as the state highway engineer, and who may be chosen from the*

*members of the commission. The appointment of a member of the commission as state highway engineer shall not terminate his membership on the commission, but in case of such appointment he shall receive no compensation in addition to his salary as a member.*

(b) \* \* \* *The secretary of the commission is authorized to sign and execute, in \* \* \* its name \* \* \* , any contract or agreement with the federal government or its departments, subdivisions of the state, corporations, associations, co-partnerships and individuals, which has previously been officially determined upon and approved by the commission as a body.*

SECTION 3. There is added a new subsection to section 82.01 of the statutes to be numbered and to read: (82.01) (1) (a) There is created a highway commission of three members. Such members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, for initial terms expiring on March 1, 1931, March 1, 1933, and March 1, 1935, respectively. Thereafter as the various terms expire all appointments shall be for a term of six years and until their successors qualify. At least two of the members shall be men who have had comprehensive business experience and also practical knowledgé of highway planning and construction. All appointive members shall devote full time to their duties and shall have no other remunerative employment. Any two of the appointive members of the commission shall constitute a quorum with power to transact all business of the commission.

(b) After the members first appointed shall have qualified and in March of each odd-numbered year the governor shall designate one of the appointive members of the commission as its chairman, and the commission shall elect one of the other appointive members as its vice-chairman and the other as its secretary. Any vacancy occurring in the chairmanship shall be filled by the governor and vacancies in the offices of vice-chairman or secretary by election of the members of the commission.

SECTION 4. All matters pending before the highway commission abolished in section 1 of this act and all contracts and obligations entered into and all proceedings begun by said commission, shall continue and remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the passage of this act, until modified pursuant to law. All rules and regulations of the said commission shall remain in force until modified and all of its employes shall be continued in

the positions filled by them when this section takes effect and at the same salary, subject to the right of the new commission to make changes deemed necessary, for the reasons and in the manner authorized by law. All employes heretofore exempt from the provisions of chapter 16 who by this act are brought under said chapter 16, shall be given a civil service status without examination, provided that they file an application and a history of their employment with the civil service commission within two months after the effective date of this section. All documents, records and property of the commission abolished in section 1 are hereby made the documents, records and property of the new highway commission.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this act relating to the appointment of the members of the new highway commission herein created shall take effect upon passage and publication, and all other provisions shall take effect when at least two members of said commission shall have been appointed and qualified.

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## CHAPTER 82.

AN ACT to create section 40.76 of the statutes, relating to "Leif Erikson Day".

*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: 40.76 The ninth day of October is hereby designated as "Leif Erikson Day" and when it does not fall upon a school day, the school day nearest such date is designated as "Leif Erikson Day". On such day one-half hour may be devoted in the schools to instruction and appropriate exercises relative to and in commemoration of the life and history of Leif Erikson and the principles and ideals he fostered.

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

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