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CHAPTER 103.

AN ACT to amend 59.84 (2), (3), (4) and (5) of the statutes, relating to the method of fixing a budget in counties having a population of more than 300,000.

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

59.84 (2), (3), (4) and (5) of the statutes are amended to read:

59.84 (2) In every such county each county officer and the superintendent of every county institution, the clerk of every court, the secretary of every board or commission which expends county money and the executive head of every other office or department which expends county money, shall annually, on or before * * * *August 15*, make in writing and file with the * * * county auditor in such form as the county auditor may require, a detailed report and estimate of all the necessary expenditures of every kind and nature to be made by their several departments, institutions, offices or boards out of county funds, during the ensuing fiscal year, except as the county board shall have authorized the grouping of particular expenditures as hereinafter provided.

(3) The county auditor shall compile * * * *such* reports and estimates, together with an estimate for a reasonable contingent fund for unforeseen emergencies, a report of the funds required of such interest and sinking funds for county bonds and land contracts as are to fall due during the ensuing year, and an estimate of the receipts to be derived from taxes, from the state, from bonds, and from all other sources to meet such expenditures. The county auditor shall submit all of the said reports and estimates, thus compiled, to the county board on or before September 15 and * * * *such* board shall immediately refer them to the proper committee thereof. Such committee shall then proceed to hold a series of public hearings at which it shall require every officer who has submitted a report and estimate as above provided, or a representative of the department, institution, office or body for which said report and estimate was made, to appear before such committee and give information with regard to appropriations required for his depart-

ment, institution, office or body. The county auditor or his deputy shall attend each of * * * such hearings to render assistance and advice. Such committee shall prepare a tentative budget * * * which shall show for the ensuing year all anticipated revenues from sources other than property taxes, the proposed property tax levy and all proposed expenditures for each department, institution, office, commission, body or activity. In a comparable form the tentative budget shall show all actual revenues, including the property tax levy, and all actual expenditures for the previous year; the actual revenues, including the property tax levy, and actual expenditures for the first 6 months of the current year; the estimated revenues and expenditures for the last 6 months of the current year; and the revenue and expenditure appropriations as shown in the budget for the current year. Such tentative budget also shall show the actual indebtedness of the county at the end of the preceding year and an estimate of the indebtedness at the ends of the current and ensuing years. On or before October 15 such committee shall submit the tentative budget to the county board and shall publish a summary thereof in the 2 daily newspapers having the largest circulation in the county and make available copies of the tentative budget for public inspection. Such publication shall state the time and place of a public hearing to be held on such budget.

(4) * * * The county board shall, not less than 14 days after publication of the budget summary and prior to the adoption of a property tax levy, but not later than November 5, hold a public hearing on such tentative budget at which citizens shall be invited to express their opinions thereon. On or before * * * the annual meeting the board shall adopt the budget with such changes, * * * increase or decrease, as seem to it proper. When so adopted, the sums provided for the said various departments, institutions, offices and bodies and for the various functions within these departments, institutions, offices and boards shall constitute legal appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year and the county auditor shall keep account of each of the said appropriations, together with any other moneys which may become legally available for the use of each respective department, institution, office or body, as a separate fund, provided that, where more than one department, institution or office is under the same management, the county board may, by resolution,

authorize the grouping of particular expenditures whenever it shall determine that economy will be promoted thereby. Such appropriations shall become available on the first day of said fiscal year but not before.

(5) At the request of the head of any department or office or at the request of any board, the county board may, by resolution adopted at any legal meeting, transfer money from one fund to another within the appropriation of the department, institution, office or board making the request, and by a resolution adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members-elect of the county board at any legal meeting * * * *such* board may transfer money from the contingent fund to any other budgetary fund or appropriate money from the contingent fund for any legal county purpose. *Notices of any change creating an increase in the total budget after the adoption thereof shall be published in such newspapers within 8 days after such change.*

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CHAPTER 104.

AN ACT to repeal 29.33 (21), 29.336 (5) and 29.337 (5) and to amend 29.15, 29.285 (2), 29.286 (1), 29.30 (2) (g), 29.47 (5) and 29.594 (1) of the statutes, relating to conservation, for the purpose of eliminating or correcting obsolete provisions and references.

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

SECTION 1. 29.15 is amended by striking out "29.36," in the last line.

SECTION 2. 29.285 (2) is amended to read:

(29.285) (2) No person shall have in his possession or under his control in Adams, Barron, Chippewa, Columbia, Dunn, Florence, Forest, Green Lake, Iron, Juneau, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marquette, Oneida, Portage, Rusk, Sauk, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas, Waushara, or Wood counties any trammel, gill, hoop, or any other kind of net or fish trap that might take, catch or kill fish except minnow nets * * * *and minnow traps as may be provided in conservation commission orders.*