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CHAPTER 414.

AN ACT relating to a secretary's office for all interim committees created by the 1945 legislature, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. The provisions of chapter 2, laws of 1945, relating to the transfer of employes of state departments to legislative positions during the 1945 regular session shall apply to employment of persons by interim committees of the legislature during the interim between the 1945 and 1947 regular sessions.

SECTION 2. To promote economy and to facilitate the work of the several interim committees created or continued by the 1945 legislature, there is established a general office of secretary of all interim committees, to be maintained during the 1945-1947 interim in the state capitol building. Such office shall be in charge of a general secretary who shall be an experienced stenographic reporter and who shall be appointed by the chairmen of the various interim committees or they may delegate the power of such appointment to the general chairman of the interim committees. Such secretary shall receive the salary established by the bureau of personnel for the classification of stenographic reporter II and shall be entitled to the bonus provided in section 14.71 (1n) of the statutes. The secretary shall take stenographic notes of hearings or other proceedings of such committees when called upon, assist the several committees in issuing notices of hearings or meetings and securing stenographic assistance for any of the committees upon request, perform the functions necessary in administering the office of general secretary, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the general chairman.

SECTION 3. The chairmen of the various interim committees shall select one of their number as general chairman of interim committees. Said chairman shall have general supervision over the office of general secretary and shall sign the pay roll and vouchers for such office. Such chairman shall receive no compensation for serving as such. He shall assign quarters for the secretary's office from available space allotted to committees of the senate.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated from the general fund \$3,500 as a nonlapsible appropriation for the payment of salaries and office supplies and materials for the office of general secretary of interim committees. All expenditures from this appropriation shall be approved by the general chairman. No part of this appropriation shall be available for travel expense which shall be paid from the appropriation for the interim committee for which such expense was incurred.

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CHAPTER 415.

AN ACT to amend 80.32 (4) of the statutes, relating to vacation and discontinuance of public highways.

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

80.32 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

80.32 (4) Whenever any public highway or public ground has been vacated or discontinued the easements and rights incidental thereto acquired by or belonging to any county, school district, town, village or city or to any utility or person in any underground or overground structures, improvements or services and all rights of entrance, maintenance, construction and repair of the same shall continue, unless * * * *written consent to the discontinuance of such easements and rights by the owner thereof is a part of the vacation or discontinuance proceedings and reference thereto is made in the vacation or discontinuance resolution, ordinance, or order, or discontinued by failure to use the same for a period of 4 years from the time that the public highway or public ground was vacated or discontinued. Upon the failure of the interested parties to reach an agreement permitting discontinuance of such easements and rights or upon refusal of the owner of such easements and rights to give written consent to the discontinuance thereof, such easements and rights may be discontinued in the vacation or discontinuance proceedings in any case where benefits or damages are to be assessed as herein provided. Damages for the discontinuance of such easements and rights, in the amount of the present value of the property to be removed or abandoned, plus the cost*