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CHAPTER 525.

AN ACT to amend 20.50, to repeal chapter 377, laws of 1919, and to create 30.22 of the statutes, relating to the creation of a Wisconsin deep waterways commission and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 377, laws of 1919, is repealed.

SECTION 2. 20.50 of the statutes is amended to read:

20.50 There is appropriated from the general fund to the Wisconsin deep waterways commission on July 1, * * * 1945, * * * \$3,000 and on July 1, * * * 1946, * * * \$3,000 for the execution of its functions under * * * section 30.22. The members of said commission shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary expenses.

SECTION 3. 30.22 of the statutes is created to read:

30.22 DEEP WATERWAYS COMMISSION. (1) MEMBERS, APPOINTMENT, TERM. There is created a Wisconsin deep waterways commission consisting of 4 members appointed by the governor and the state chief engineer who shall serve as a member ex officio and shall act as secretary of the commission. Three of the members appointed shall be residents of cities which are ports on the Great Lakes. Of those members initially appointed the terms of 2 shall expire July 1, 1947 and 2 on July 1, 1949. Thereafter all members shall be appointed for terms of 4 years.

(2) DUTIES: It shall be the duty of the commission to investigate the project of connecting the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean by means of the Welland Canal, and the Saint Lawrence River, to urge upon Congress the enactment of suitable legislation to enable the development of such waterway, the commission to work in conjunction with similar commissions appointed by other states and with other interested groups and agencies in the promotion of such project. The commission shall report annually to the governor and biennially to the legislature and shall make such other reports as the governor may require.

Approved August 1, 1945.