

## CHAPTER 181.

AN ACT to renumber 14.72 to be 14.72 (1); to create 14.72 (2), (3) and (4); and to amend 14.72 (1) as renumbered and 20.74 (1) of the statutes, relating to the emergency board and its authority to grant supplemental appropriations.

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

SECTION 1. 14.72 of the statutes is renumbered 14.72 (1) and is amended to read:

14.72 (1) There is constituted an emergency board to be composed of the governor, who shall be the chairman of the board, the chairman of the senate finance committee and the chairman of the assembly finance committee. *In case of a vacancy in either chairmanship of the finance committee, due to death, resignation, disability or other cause occurring during the interim of the legislature, the next ranking member of the finance committee according to order of appointment shall serve as a member of the board until such vacancy is filled by the legislature.* The legislative members shall be paid a per diem of \$10 for each day actually devoted to the discharge of the duties of the board or of any special duties performed at the request of the governor, except while the legislature is in session, and shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary expenses, from the appropriation made in section 20.74. Regular meetings shall be held quarterly, \* \* \* and special meetings shall be held upon call of the governor. The board may employ such assistants as it may deem necessary and fix their compensation, on the same basis as employes of the executive department. *The director of budget and accounts shall serve ex officio as secretary of the board. The state auditor shall attend such meetings of the board as the board may request.*

SECTION 2. 14.72 (2), (3) and (4) of the statutes are created to read:

14.72 (2) The emergency board is authorized to supplement the appropriation of any department, board, commission or agency which is insufficient because of unforeseen emergencies or insufficient to accomplish the purpose for which made, if the board finds:

- (a) That an emergency exists;
- (b) That no funds are available for such purposes in any appropriation; and
- (c) That the purposes for which a supplemental appropriation is requested have been authorized or directed by the legislature.

(3) All requests for supplemental appropriations shall be filed with the board in writing and shall contain a statement of the amount requested, the purposes therefor, the statutory provision authorizing or directing the performance of the function, the nature of the emergency, and such other information as the board may require. All such requests shall be afforded a public hearing for which at least 10 days advance notice shall be given in the official state paper.

(4) All grants of supplemental appropriations under this section shall be by written order and shall be signed by any 2 members of the board. Such written order shall contain a statement of the findings of fact specified in subsection (2) and that a public hearing was held after the requisite notice. Copies of each such order shall be filed with the director of budget and accounts, the state auditor, and the legislative reference library.

SECTION 3. 20.74 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.74 (1) Annually, beginning July 1, 1939, \$750,000 to be used to supplement appropriations which shall prove insufficient because of unforeseen emergencies, or to supplement appropriations which shall prove insufficient to accomplish the purposes for which made, or for allotment to any board, department, commission or institution to which a federal project has been granted, for the payment of actual and necessary expenses of members other than the governor in attending meetings of the board, and for cost of postage, office supplies, telegrams, telephone, and other miscellaneous expense not to exceed \$250. Allotments from this appropriation shall be made as \* \* \* *provided in section 14.72*; provided, that the governor may allot sums not in excess of \$1,000 to any department when necessary, without a meeting of the board. Not to exceed \$250,000 annually, may be allotted by the emergency board to any state activity to which a federal project has been granted. All allotments made by the emergency board or by the governor in an emergency shall be certified to the director of budget and accounts, and expenditures therefrom shall be shown in the state budget report as an additional cost of the department, board, commission, or institutions or activities to which such allotments were made.

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