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CHAPTER 397.

AN ACT to repeal 20.615, 27.20 (1), (2) and (3); to renumber and amend 27.20 (1a), (4) to (6) and (10), and to create 15.77 (12), 15.845 (1) and (7) and 20.12 (6) and (15) of the statutes, relating to the transfer of the functions of the state planning board to the bureau of engineering and providing an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 15.77 (12) of the statutes is created to read:

15.77 (12) LONG-RANGE PLANNING. To prepare in co-operation with the state agencies concerned, plans for the future growth and development of various state institutions and to serve as technical advisor to the state building commission in connection with the development of the state long-range building program provided for in sections 13.351 and 14.86.

SECTION 2. 15.845 (1) of the statutes is created to read:

15.845 STATE PLANNING DIVISION. (1) There is created within the bureau of engineering a state planning division composed of a director of regional planning and all other personnel now employed by the state planning board. The personnel so transferred shall have the same classification, status, salary and rights in the employ of the bureau of engineering as they had immediately before the transfer. The state chief engineer shall have all the powers necessary to perform the duties prescribed in this section, including the power to determine and allocate the functions prescribed herein. No mention of any duty or function of any subordinate or division shall be construed to release such subordinate or division from the authority of the director.

SECTION 2a. 15.845 (7) of the statutes is created to read:

15.845 (7) All records, equipment and other equipment maintained or used in the office of the state planning board in connection with the functions transferred by this act are transferred to the bureau of engineering. All orders, rules and regulations of and pending actions before the state planning board shall continue in full force and effect as orders,

rules and regulations of and pending actions before the bureau of engineering until such orders, rules and regulations are rescinded, altered or amended and such pending actions completed by the bureau of engineering.

SECTION 2b. 20.12 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.12 (6) On July 1, 1939, \$8,000, to be used as a revolving appropriation for the purchase of all necessary supplies and for providing all necessary services including maintenance for the state office * * * *buildings other than the capitol*. The cost of materials, supplies, services or other expenses charged to this appropriation shall be charged monthly to the * * * *proper appropriations* and shall be credited to this appropriation.

SECTION 2c. 20.12 (15) of the statutes is created to read:

20.12 (15) On July 1, 1951, \$47,180, and annually, beginning July 1, 1952, \$48,190 for carrying out the work of the state planning division. Of this appropriation there is allotted for the following purposes:

	1951-1952	1952-1953
Personal services	\$38,305	\$39,315
Materials and expense.....	8,800	8,800
Capital outlay	75	75

SECTION 3. 20.615 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 27.20 (1) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 5. 27.20 (1a) of the statutes is renumbered 15.845 (2) and amended to read:

15.845 (2) The * * * *state chief engineer* shall employ a director of regional planning whose duties shall be to co-operate with and assist all local planning agencies in the state to the end that their activities may be properly co-ordinated in the interest of the state as a whole; to gather and disseminate city, town, and regional planning information; to co-operate with the conservation commission in the development of a recreational system plan for the state; to co-operate with the state board of health in the regulation and control of lake and stream platting. Said director of regional planning shall be a civil engineer or landscape architect who shall have had not less than 5 years' practical experience in city or regional planning work.

SECTION 6. 27.20 (2) and (3) of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 7. 27.20 (4) to (6) and (10) of the statutes are renumbered 15.845 (3) to (6) respectively and amended to read:

15.845 (3) It shall be the duty of the * * * *director of regional planning*, and * * * *he* shall have power, jurisdiction and authority:

(a) To make studies in river valleys of the state, in such units as * * * *he* may determine, for the future platting of lands without the limits of any incorporated city or village, or for the future location of streets or highways or parkways, including the extension or widening of existing streets and highways, through such lands, but such studies shall not supersede the supervision exercised by any city or county planning body.

(b) To co-operate with all county, city, town and village commissions, boards or committees, charged with the responsibility of planning or zoning certain areas or districts within their respective corporate limits, to the end that the purposes of this section be carried out. All such commissions, boards or committees shall co-operate with the * * * *director of regional planning* to the same end.

(c) To exercise general advisory supervision over the administration of all laws relating to state zoning or planning of river valleys.

(d) To study and investigate all problems connected with state zoning or planning of river valleys and to make reports and recommendations thereon.

(e) To issue general recommendations applicable throughout the state for the carrying out of state zoning and planning of river valleys. Such general recommendations shall be issued only after an opportunity to be heard thereon shall have been afforded to interested parties and shall be published in the official state paper.

(f) To make investigations and inspections in regard to any general or special recommendations which * * * *he* may issue. In the exercise of this power the * * * *director of regional planning* may require the submission and approval of plans for state zoning or planning of river valleys.

(g) To map and take such measures as may be necessary or convenient to conserve and maintain springs of flowing pure water in areas not suitable or required for agricultural purposes, and outside the limits of incorporated cities and villages.

(h) To designate the lands most appropriate for state parks, which with a system of valley parkways will comprise a complete plan of recreational and educational areas, thus incorporating and conserving our most picturesque and historical natural landscapes.

(i) In the carrying out of the foregoing duties and in the exercise of the foregoing powers to make such recommendations as may be necessary and desirable for the exercise of flood control.

(4) The state * * * *chief engineer shall direct the assembly and correlation of data and information with reference to the development of the state and its subdivisions, and may include among other things data and information relating to the general character and extent of highways, waterways, waterfront and harbor developments, flood prevention works, parks, reservations, forests, wild life refuges, aviation facilities, drainage and sanitary systems, waste disposal works for the prevention of stream pollution, waterworks, railroad and motor vehicle routes, power transmission facilities, public buildings, and other public works or facilities, which may be appropriate subjects of state concern; work opportunities; also the general location and extent of forests, agriculture areas and open development areas for purposes of conservation, housing, food and water supply, sanitary and drainage facilities and the protection of urban and rural development; also a land utilization program, including the general classification and allocation of the land within the state amongst agricultural, forestry, recreational, soil conservation, water conservation, industrial, urbanization and other uses and purposes.*

(5) PURPOSE OF STUDIES * * *. The studies made by the * * * *director of regional planning* shall be made with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a co-ordinated, adjusted, efficient and economic development of the state, which will, in accordance with present and future needs and resources, best promote the health, safety, order, convenience and welfare of the state as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development. All state boards, commissions, departments, and institutions are directed to co-operate with the * * * *director of regional planning* to further these ends.

(6) The powers herein granted shall be liberally construed in favor of the *director of regional planning*.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 1951.

Approved June 26, 1951.
