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CHAPTER 387

AN ACT to amend 20.55 (7) of the statutes, relating to an appropriation to state fire associations for conducting fire schools and demonstrating methods for preventing and extinguishing fires.

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

20.55 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.55 (7) Annually, beginning July 1, * * * 1955, \$1500.00 to be divided equally between the volunteer state firemen associations of the state * * *, provided that the appropriation to any one such association shall not exceed \$150 each year; such appropriation shall be made only upon the association's compliance with the provisions of this subsection and to be used by them to conduct fire schools and to demonstrate methods of preventing and extinguishing fires. The secretary of any such association desiring such aid shall on and after July 1 of each year make a report to the commissioner, signed by the president, treasurer and secretary of such association, setting forth in detail the receipts and disbursements of the association for the preceding fiscal year in such form and detail together with such other information as the commissioner may require, *including a statement that a majority of the members of the association are residents of Wisconsin.* On receipt of such reports, if the commissioner is satisfied that the business of such association has been

efficiently conducted during the preceding fiscal year and in the interest of fire prevention and extinguishment and for the purpose for which such association was organized and if the final statement shows that all receipts together with the state aid have been accounted for and disbursed for the proper and necessary purposes of such association and in accordance with the laws of this state, *and if a majority of the members of the association are residents of Wisconsin*, then the * * * commissioner shall * * * *certify to the director of budget and accounts * * * for payment to such association the sum made available * * * by this subsection.* Any association using such moneys for any other purpose than authorized by this subsection shall be indebted to and shall reimburse the state in the amount so unlawfully used.

Approved July 14, 1955.
