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CHAPTER 463

AN ACT to amend 13.351 (2) (a) and (6) ; to repeal and recreate 13.351 (5) ; and to create 13.351 (8) of the statutes, relating to the powers, duties and composition of the state building commission.

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

SECTION 1. 13.351 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

13.351 (2) (a) There is created a state building commission which shall consist of the governor, who shall be chairman, and 6 members of the legislature of whom 3 shall be from each house, to be appointed as are standing committees in the respective houses, provided that of the members appointed from either house, one shall be a member of the visiting committee created by s. 13.057, and one citizen member to be appointed by the governor who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor as an ex officio member. *The state chief engineer, the state architect, and the director of budget and accounts shall be advisory members with no voting power.* The terms of all legislative members shall expire on May 1 in each odd-numbered year. The members shall act without liability except for misconduct, and shall receive no compensation for their services but they shall be reimbursed for travel expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties out of the appropriation made in s. 20.350 (5).

SECTION 2. 13.351 (5) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

13.351 (5) ASSISTANCE TO COMMISSION. The state chief engineer, the state architect, the director of budget and accounts and their staffs shall assist the commission in the performance of their duties. The bureau of engineering shall, when requested by a state agency and approved by the building commission, make or cause to be made such preliminary plans and specifications, together with estimates of cost with respect to any proposed project as are necessary to permit the commission to consider intelligently the approval or disapproval of the project and the appropriation of funds. The costs of such studies shall be paid in the first instance out of the appropriation in s. 20.350 (5), but shall be a first charge against any funds subsequently made available for the project and the amount thereof shall thereafter be repaid into the general fund and credited to s. 20.350 (5).

SECTION 3. 13.351 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

13.351 (6) All reports submitted as provided by sub. (4) shall be reviewed by the commission, which shall make its report not later than November 20 next succeeding. Such report shall include specific recommendations * * * *and establish priorities for the next 3 bienniums from among all projects submitted which they deem essential and shall recommend additional appropriations if necessary for the execution thereof.* * * * *The commission shall include in its report an appraisal and recommendation of available and alternative methods of financing buildings for the use of state agencies and shall file copies of its report with the governor and the legislative council not later than November 20 of each year and with the chief clerks of the legislature by January 15 of odd-numbered years.*

SECTION 4. 13.351 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

13.351 (8) APPROVAL BY COMMISSION. No state board, agency, officer, department, commission or body corporate shall enter into a con-

tract or agreement for the construction, reconstruction, remodeling or addition to any building, structure, or facility, which involves a cost in excess of \$15,000 by any means whatsoever, without completion of final plans and arrangement for supervision of construction and prior approval by the state building commission, any other provision of the statutes to the contrary notwithstanding and irrespective of the source of the funds to be used for such project.

Approved July 25, 1957.
