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**CHAPTER 450**

AN ACT to amend 65.03 (1), 65.04 (1), (2), (7) and (8) (intro. par.), 65.05 (4) and 65.07 (1) (c); and to create 65.07 (1) (n) of the statutes, relating to municipal budget systems.

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

SECTION 1. 65.03 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

65.03 (1) It shall be the duty of each department to file with the comptroller not later than August \* \* \* 1 of each year on forms furnished by him an estimate in detail of the department's needs for the ensuing fiscal year, including a statement of any permanent improvements to be made and an estimate of expenditures therefor.

SECTION 2. 65.04 (1), (2), (7) and (8) (intro. par.) of the statutes are amended to read:

65.04 (1) The board of estimates shall meet not later than September \* \* \* 10 of each year. The comptroller shall place before the board the reports of estimates filed with him by the departments together with his statement of anticipated revenues for the ensuing year and the adequate comparisons with other years as provided in s. 65.02 (5) to (11). The budget summary shall be published forthwith in at least one and not more than 2 daily newspapers printed in the English language and having the largest circulation in the city, and \* \* \* in the proceedings of the common council; and a copy of the entire proposed budget shall be available for public inspection in the office of the city comptroller.

(2) From the estimates before it the board shall make and submit to the common council, on or before \* \* \* October 25 each year, a proposed budget setting forth in detail the amounts proposed to be spent by each department and the various purposes therefor and the amounts of money for each purpose it is proposed shall be appropriated by the council. The proposed budget shall comply with s. 65.02 (5) to (11). The budget summary shall be published forthwith in at least one and not more than 2 daily newspapers printed in the English language and having the largest circulation in the city, and the entire proposed budget shall be printed forthwith in the proceedings of the common council. If any department shall fail to file its estimates as herein provided the board shall make a proposed budget for such department specifying the purposes for which and the amount of funds such department may expend.

(7) At the meeting of the common council at which the proposed budget is submitted by the board of estimates, the common council shall determine the place and time of a public hearing on the budget which shall be held jointly by the common council and by the board of estimates not less than 10 days after the publication provided in s. 65.04 (2), nor later than November \* \* \* 10. The common council shall cause a notice of the place and time of said public hearing to be published which shall be not less than 7 days after date of the publication of said notice in at least one and not more than 2 daily newspapers printed in the English language and having the largest circulation in the city.

(8) (intro. par.) The finance committee of the common council shall submit to the common council not later than \* \* \* October 25 in the form of 2 reports:

SECTION 3. 65.05 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

65.05 (4) The common council, on or before November \* \* \* 20 shall adopt the proposed budget by a majority vote of all the aldermen either as submitted or as changed by the council. It shall not be necessary to refer the budget to a committee of the common council.

SECTION 4. 65.07 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

65.07 (1) (c) A sufficient permanent improvement fund for any purpose authorized by s. 67.04 (2) or 66.51 (1) for which money may be borrowed or bonds issued. \* \* \* .

SECTION 5. 65.07 (1) (n) of the statutes is created to read:

65.07 (1) (n) The funds established under pars. (c), (i) and (k) may be allowed to accumulate from year to year in the discretion of the common council.

SECTION 6. The provisions of this act shall be applicable to cities of the first class and such other cities as may adopt the provisions of ss. 65.02 to 65.04 in the manner prescribed by s. 65.01.

Approved July 21, 1955.