

## CHAPTER 543

AN ACT to amend 59.07 (11); and to create 66.433 of the statutes, relating to the powers of county boards and to the establishment of community relations-social development commissions therein.

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

SECTION 1. 59.07 (11) of the statutes is amended to read:

59.07 (11) Join with the state, other counties or municipalities in a co-operative arrangement as provided by s. 66.30; and enact ordinances as set forth in s. 66.433 (3) (c) if approved as part of such co-operative arrangement for an intergovernmental community relations-social development commission.

SECTION 2. 66.433 of the statutes is created to read:

**66.433 COMMUNITY RELATIONS-SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS.** (1) DEFINITION. "Municipality" as used herein means a city, village, town, school district or county.

(2) CREATION. Each municipality is authorized and urged to either establish by ordinance a community relations-social development commission or to participate in such a commission established on an intergovernmental basis within the county, and may appropriate money to defray the expenses of such commission. If such commission is established on an intergovernmental basis within the county, the provisions of s. 66.30 relating to local co-operation, are applicable thereto and may be utilized by participating municipalities to effectuate the purposes of this section.

(3) FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION. The commission shall:

(a) Study, analyze and recommend solutions for the major social, economic and cultural problems which affect people residing or working within the municipality including, without restriction because of enumeration, problems of the family, youth, education, the aging, juvenile delinquency, pornography and industrial strife.

(b) Attempt (by means of education of the populace, discussion and conciliation) both to foster mutual self-respect, understanding and harmony among the various classes and races and religious and ethnic and minority groups of people living within the municipality, and also to discourage and prevent discriminatory practices against any such class, race or group or its members.

(c) Recommend to the municipal governing body and chief executive or administrative officer the enactment of such ordinances and other legislation as will tend:

1. To establish and keep in force proper health standards for the community and beneficial zoning for the community area in order to facilitate the elimination of blighted areas and to prevent the start and spread of such areas;

2. To insure to all municipal residents, regardless of race or color, the rights to possess equal housing accommodations and to enjoy equal employment opportunities.

(d) Investigate and evaluate complaints under s. 942.04, regarding denial of the right to equal use of public accommodations and facilities and complaints of unjust discrimination in housing and employment matters, and report their recommendations regarding such complaints not

resolved amicably by conciliation, or disposed of by other appropriate means, to the proper local law enforcement officer or agency.

(e) Endeavor to discourage and oppose and protest the manifest inciting or fomenting of class or race or religious hatred and prejudice in the community on the part of any person, organization, corporation or association.

(f) Encourage and foster participation in the fine arts.

(g) Co-operate with state and federal agencies and nongovernmental organizations having similar or related functions.

(h) Examine the need for publicly and privately sponsored studies and programs in any field of human relationship which will aid in accomplishing the foregoing objectives, and initiate such public programs and studies and participate in and promote such privately sponsored programs and studies.

(4) COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION. The commission shall be non-partisan and shall be composed of not more than 21 representative citizens residing in the municipality, including representatives of the clergy and minority groups. Of the persons first appointed, one-third shall hold office for one year, one-third for 2 years, and one-third for 3 years from the 1st day of February next following their appointment, and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. All succeeding terms shall be for 3 years. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments. Every person appointed as a member of the commission shall take and file the official oath.

(5) INTENT. It is the intent of this section to promote fair and friendly relations among all the people in this state, and to that end race, creed or color ought not to be made tests in the matter of the right of any person to sell, lease, occupy or use real estate or to earn his livelihood or to enjoy the equal use of public facilities.

(6) SHORT TITLE. This section shall be known as the "Bill of Human Rights."

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