

the request of the judge of such other circuit or of the chairman of the board of circuit judges; and it shall be the duty of any circuit judge \* \* \* to comply with *any* such request of the chairman \* \* \* unless the chairman shall relieve him from performance after such request is made.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 300

AN ACT to renumber the present Chapter 44b of the statutes relating to the board of public affairs, and to renumber and revise the sections of said chapter.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The number and title of Chapter 44b of the statutes are amended to read:

### CHAPTER \* \* \* 15.

#### \* \* \* BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS; PUBLIC ACCOUNTING.

SECTION 2. Section 990—40 of the statutes is renumbered and amended to read: 15.01 DEFINITIONS. \* \* \* *In this chapter*, unless such construction would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the legislature, the \* \* \* terms,  
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(1) \* \* \* "Public body" \* \* \* means and includes every incumbent of any office or position under the constitution or laws of this state; every department, commission or board in which any such incumbent is employed as such; and every officer, office, department, commission, board, institution, body or organization, the conduct or operation of which involves the receipt, expenditure or handling of any state funds or property.

(2) \* \* \* "Accounts" \* \* \* means all accounts, books, records and reports relating to the jurisdiction of any public body.

(3) \* \* \* "Jurisdiction" \* \* \* means and includes all duties, liabilities, authority, powers or privileges imposed or conferred by law upon any public body.

SECTION 3. Section 990—41 of the statutes is renumbered and amended to read: 15.02 \* \* \* BOARD OF PUBLIC

AFFAIRS. The governor \* \* \* secretary of state, president pro tem of the senate, speaker of the assembly, \* \* \* chairman of the *senate* finance committee, \* \* \* chairman of the *assembly* finance committee, \* \* \* and three other persons, none of whom shall be a member of the faculty of the university of Wisconsin, appointed by the governor and approved by the senate, \* \* \* constitute \* \* \* *the board of public affairs.*

SECTION 4. Section 990—42 of the statutes is renumbered to be section 15.03.

SECTION 5. Section 990—45 of the statutes is renumbered and amended to read: 15.04 OFFICE; ORGANIZATION. \* \* \* *The board shall keep its offices in the state capitol.* The governor shall be chairman and executive officer of the board and as such shall be responsible for executing the duties imposed upon the board and the program authorized by \* \* \* *it* and the board shall elect a vice chairman to act in the absence of the governor.

SECTION 6. Section 990—46 of the statutes is renumbered and amended to read: 15.05 SECRETARY; QUALIFICATIONS. \* \* \* (1) such board may appoint \* \* \* a secretary, \* \* \* *who* shall be a man of experience and character that qualify him to direct investigations into the operation of public bodies and into the business and financial methods employed by them, to prepare blanks for budget estimates, and to perform all other duties required by such office.

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\* \* \* (2) The secretary, experts and accountants employed \* \* \* *by the board* shall not be subject to the operation of chapter \* \* \* *16 relating to the civil service.*

SECTION 7. Section 990—47 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 8. Sections 990—49 and 990—51 of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered and amended to read: 15.06 TESTIMONIAL POWERS. \* \* \* (1) Each \* \* \* member \* \* \* of the board, for the purposes mentioned in \* \* \* *this chapter* \* \* \* *may* administer oaths, certify to official acts, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, books, accounts, documents and testimony. In case of disobedience on the part of any person \* \* \* to comply with any order, of the board or any member thereof or any subpoena issued in behalf of such board, or on the refusal of any witness to testify to any matters regarding which he may be lawfully interrogated, it shall be the duty of the circuit court of any county, or the judge thereof, on application of a member

of the board to compel obedience by attachment proceedings for contempt, as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court, or a refusal to testify therein.

(2) \* \* \* The board or any party, \* \* \* in any investigation *conducted under this chapter*, may cause the depositions of witnesses residing within or without the state to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for \* \* \* *taking* depositions in civil actions in circuit court.

SECTION 9. Section 990—50 of the statutes is renumbered and amended to read: 15.07 WITNESS FEES. \* \* \* Each witness who \* \* \* appears before the board by its order shall receive for his attendance the fees and mileage \* \* \* provided for witnesses in civil cases in courts of record, which shall be audited and paid \* \* \* upon the presentation of proper vouchers sworn to by such witnesses and approved by the chairman of the board. But no witness subpoenaed at the instance of parties other than the board shall be entitled to compensation from the state for attendance or travel, unless the board \* \* \* *certifies* that his testimony was relevant and material to the matter investigated.

SECTION 10. Sections 990—48 and 990—52 of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered and amended to read: 15.08 PROCEEDINGS; RECORDS. \* \* \* (1) The board \* \* \* *may* adopt and publish rules to govern the proceedings, and to regulate the mode and manner of all investigations made by it and under its direction, and of all hearings held before it. The records of the board, including records of time and money spent upon the board's investigation and other work, shall be open to public inspection subject only to reasonable regulations.

(2) \* \* \* A full and complete record shall be kept of all proceedings had before the board of any investigation had under the provisions of \* \* \* *this chapter* and all testimony shall be taken down by the stenographer appointed by the board.

SECTION 11. Section 990—53 is renumbered to be section 15.09. VISITORIAL AND INQUISITORIAL POWERS.

SECTION 12. Section 990—54 of the statutes is renumbered and amended to read: 15.10 \* \* \* ADMINISTRATIVE ECONOMY; REPORTS. \* \* \* Every public body shall employ economical, efficient and accurate methods in the conduct of its affairs and accounts, and such as shall result in a reasonable harmony with all other such public bodies; shall keep such accounts as \* \* \* adequately disclose its affairs; *and* shall make such reports at such times as \* \* \*

are reasonably necessary, and in such form as \* \* \* adequately discloses the facts relating to the exercise of its jurisdiction.

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SECTION 13. Subsections 1 and 2 of section 990—55 of the statutes are renumbered and amended to read: 15.11 ACCOUNTING AND EFFICIENCY CONTROL. \* \* \* (1) The board shall have such supervision of every public body as \* \* \* is necessary to secure uniformity and accuracy of accounts, \* \* \* It may inquire in to the methods of conducting *the affairs of any public body*; it may prescribe and direct the use of such forms of accounts as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of \* \* \* *this chapter*; it may prescribe and direct the use of standards and records of efficiency of employes; it shall inaugurate, supervise and conduct adequate systems of examination and inspection of accounts of every such public body; it may cause to be prepared suitable blanks, books and records for carrying out the purposes of \* \* \* *this chapter*; and shall, when necessary, furnish such blanks and records to any such public body; provided, that when the expense of such blanks, books or records has been charged against the appropriation for the board of public affairs the secretary of state shall charge the cost of supplies so furnished against the general appropriation account of the public body receiving the same and shall credit the appropriation of the board of public affairs with a like amount.

(2) The board shall devise for all public bodies uniform systems of accounts and uniform accounting procedures adequate to record in detail all transactions affecting the acquisition, custodianship and disposition of values, including cash receipts and disbursements, and every such public body shall keep its accounts and maintain its accounting procedure accurately and faithfully as prescribed and directed by the board.

SECTION 14. Subsection 3 of section 990—55 of the statutes is renumbered and amended to read: 15.12. BUDGET FORMS, REPORTS AND PROCEDURE. \* \* \* (1) Not later than July 1, \* \* \* *in each even-numbered year* the board shall distribute to each public body the proper \* \* \* *forms* necessary to preparation of budget estimates which shall show the actual revenues and expenses including accruals of all public bodies for at least the two prior fiscal years \* \* \* and shall show in corresponding detail the estimated revenues and expenses including accruals for all public bodies for the *succeeding* biennial period \* \* \* and shall further show

whether and in what amounts the estimates are larger or smaller than the corresponding items of expenditures for each of the \* \* \* years \* \* \* *included in the budget report.*

(2) Not later than September 1, \* \* \* *in each even-number year*, each public body shall return to the board its estimates for the succeeding biennium with full explanation of reasons for changes above or below the corresponding items for the previous biennium. The estimates from all public bodies shall be immediately compiled under direction of the board and reviewed by means of such field examinations and interviews or correspondence as may be necessary to secure full information.

(3) The results of these examinations together with the estimates and departmental explanations shall, between the tenth day of November and the first day of December, \* \* \* *in each even-numbered year*, be laid before the whole board which shall not divide into committee for such review. The governor-elect shall be invited and shall have the right to be present at such meetings or to have a representative attend and shall be given such information as the board possesses. All reports and information \* \* \* sent to members of the board shall be sent to the governor-elect.

(4) Not later than December 15, \* \* \* *in each even-numbered year*, the board shall recommend to the legislature a budget, which, in addition to giving comparison of estimates for the succeeding biennium with each of the \* \* \* years, \* \* \* *included in the budget report*, shall also give the amounts which the board recommends, item for item, with columns showing whether the recommended allowances are equal to, above or below the amounts requested and whether they are equal to, above or below the amounts for the first year of the preceding biennium together with explanatory notes which will show the board's reasons for recommending allowances and disallowances. With the printed recommendations and reasons for recommendations shall be included a record of the vote upon each recommendation, where such vote is not unanimous. The report shall include any recommendations which a minority or the governor-elect may wish to have included in the report.

(5) Not later than January 1, \* \* \* *in each odd-numbered year*, copies of the estimates with the board's recommendations shall be distributed to members of the legislature *next to convene.*

SECTION 15. Subsections 1 to 7, inclusive, of section 990—56 of the statutes, are repealed.

**SECTION 16.** Subsection 8 of section 990—56 is renumbered and amended to read: 15.13 **EFFICIENCY and COORDINATION OF WORK.** \* \* \* *The board shall also investigate duplication of work of public bodies and the efficiency of the organization and administration of such public bodies and shall formulate plans for the greater coordination of such public bodies and the improvement of state administration in general. The board shall report the results of such investigations to \* \* \* the legislature \* \* \* with specific printed recommendations giving in detail the reasons therefor. In all reports published or otherwise submitted by the board the conclusions or recommendations shall be accompanied by a summary of the facts upon which the conclusion or findings are based, the names of the members of the board who approved the report and a summary of the investigation pursued to secure the facts. Where the board is not unanimous in its recommendations or findings, a summary of the minority position shall be included with the majority report.*

**SECTION 17.** Section 990—58 of the statutes is renumbered and amended to read: 15.14 **FISCAL RECORDS AND STATE ACCOUNTING.** \* \* \* *The jurisdiction of the governor and attorney-general imposed and conferred by section \* \* \* 14.56 \* \* \* of the statutes are imposed and conferred upon the board of public affairs.*

**SECTION 18.** Section 990—59 is renumbered to be section 15.15.

**SECTION 19.** Section 990—60 is renumbered and amended to read: 15.16 **PENALTY.** \* \* \* *Any person violating any of the provisions of sections \* \* \* 15.01 to 15.15, inclusive, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than three months.*

### COUNTY ASYLUMS FOR CHRONIC INSANE.

**SECTION 20.** Section 567a is renumbered to be section 15.17. **BOARD OF CONTROL TO ESTABLISH SYSTEM FOR.**

**SECTION 21.** Section 567b of the statutes is renumbered to be section 15.18. **INSTALLATION OF SYSTEM; REPORTS; FISCAL YEAR.**

**SECTION 22.** Section 567c of the statutes is renumbered to be section 15.19. **REPORTS.**

**SECTION 23.** Section 567d of the statutes is renumbered and amended to read: 15.20 **SUPERVISION OF SYSTEM IN**

**COUNTY ASYLUMS.** \* \* \* The state board of control shall supervise the installation of such systems of accounting and shall have authority to examine or audit, at all reasonable times, all books, records, documents and accounts of each county asylum and shall have authority from time to time to prescribe necessary changes in the system of accounts provided such changes are in accordance with the provisions of sections \* \* \* 15.17 to 15.20, inclusive. To carry out the provisions of sections \* \* \* 15.17 to 15.20, inclusive, the state board of control is authorized to employ a competent accountant or accountants. Expenses incurred under the provisions of sections \* \* \* 15.17 to 15.20, inclusive, shall be charged to the general appropriation for the board of control.

SECTION 24. Chapter 481 of the Wisconsin session laws of 1911, chapter 728 of the Wisconsin session laws of 1913, and chapter 606 of the Wisconsin session laws of 1915 are added to section 4978 of the statutes at an appropriate place, according to their numbers and dates, as further acts repealed by said section.

SECTION 25. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 301

AN ACT to create subdivision (25) of section 670 of the statutes, relating to the power of county boards to appropriate money to the family of any sheriff heretofore killed while in the discharge of official duties.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. A new subdivision is added to section 670 of the statutes to read: (Section 670) (25) To appropriate such sum or sums as they shall deem just and proper to the family of any sheriff or his deputies who shall have been heretofore or who may hereafter be killed while in the discharge of official duties in and about the pursuit and capture of those charged with crime.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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