

(b) Has * * * *an income of less than fifty dollars per annum* and who has been a bona fide resident of this state for ten years and is a resident of the county wherein application is made at the time of making the application may be entitled to receive from said county a benefit of *two hundred * * * dollars annually if blind and four hundred dollars if both blind and deaf*, payable quarterly and such additional aid as the county board may determine.

47.09 The county board may appoint a regular practicing physician, whose official title shall be "Examiner of the Blind and Deaf" and whose duty it shall be to examine all applicants for benefits and to indorse on the application a certificate showing whether such applicant is blind or *blind and deaf* or not, and file the application so indorsed in the office of the county clerk. Such examiner shall keep a register in which he shall enter the name and address of each applicant so examined, and the date and result of such examination. Such examiner shall be paid by the county for his services the sum of two dollars for each applicant so examined.

(47.10) (2) The county clerk shall, upon receiving such application, file the same with the examiner of the blind *and deaf*.

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

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CHAPTER 564.

AN ACT providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate systems of pensions, annuities and retirements for teachers, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. A joint committee is created to consist of two senators, to be appointed by the president of the senate, and three members of the assembly, to be appointed by the speaker. Such committee shall have power to investigate and examine into different systems of pensions, annuities and retirements for teachers and to investigate any and all matters with respect to said subject.

SECTION 2. The mention of any line of inquiry herein shall not in any way limit the field of investigation which said committee is empowered to make and which it may deem expedient in connection with the subject matter assigned to it for consideration. Said committee by a majority vote of the members thereof

is vested with plenary powers to perform and discharge the duties by this act enjoined. Any member of said committee shall have power to administer oaths to persons appearing before such committee and said committee shall have power to employ such stenographers, clerks, assistants and experts as it may deem necessary and expedient for the proper discharge of the duties hereby assigned to it and to fix the compensation of such persons as it shall employ.

SECTION 3. Such committee may, among other things, by subpoena issued over the signature of the chairman or acting chairman of said committee and served in the manner that circuit court subpoenas are served, examine and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of all books, papers, documents and records necessary or convenient to be examined or used by them as evidence.

SECTION 4. The said committee shall with all reasonable dispatch discharge the duties hereby imposed, and may exercise all powers provided by law during the session of the legislature or otherwise, and shall not later than the next regular session of the legislature make a report to the governor of its findings, and recommendations with the necessary bills for the enactment of any legislation which it may recommend.

SECTION 5. Each member of the said committee shall be reimbursed by the state for his actual necessary expenses but shall receive no compensation for time devoted to the work of such committee.

SECTION 6. All bills for expenses of the committee incurred, pursuant to this act, including witness fees, compensation for assistants, and traveling expenses of the members of the committee, shall be certified by the chairman of the committee, and shall be audited and paid as are other claims against the state.

SECTION 7. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the general fund not otherwise appropriated the sum of five thousand dollars to said committee for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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