

to act for the county generally to collect such old-age assistance liens and claims, and claims for hospitalization, institutional care and general poor relief. The county board may authorize the district attorney to compromise the payment of any such claim, except old-age assistance claims as provided for in section 49.26 (4), with the approval of such judge, officer or agency of the county or of such committee of the county board as the county board may designate, but such compromise shall be made only when the collection of the full amount would produce undue hardship upon the debtor or the debt is otherwise uncollectible. Any compromise made before the effective date of this amendment (1943) which would be valid if made pursuant to the provisions for compromise of claims under this amendment, is hereby validated.

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CHAPTER 523.

AN ACT to amend 82.01 (1) (a) of the statutes, relating to the future appointment of members of the highway commission. *The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

82.01 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

82.01 (1) (a) There is created a highway commission of 3 members. Such members shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, for initial terms expiring on March 1, 1931, March 1, 1933, and March 1, 1935, respectively. Thereafter as the various terms expire all appointments shall be for a term of 6 years and until their successors qualify. *Upon the expiration of the terms of members serving on July 1, 1943, appointments shall be made so that one member shall come from the north section of the state, one from the east section and one from the west section; provided that any member serving on July 1, 1943 may be reappointed to succeed himself regardless of from what section of the state he or the 2 other members shall come. The north section shall comprise that part of the state north of a line running along the southern boundaries of Pepin, Eau Claire, Clark, Marathon, Shawano and*

Oconto counties. The division between the east and west sections shall be a line running along the western boundaries of Outagamie, Winnebago, Fond du Lac, Dodge, Jefferson and Walworth counties. At least 2 of the members shall be men who have had comprehensive business experience and also practical knowledge of highway planning and construction. All members shall devote full time to their duties and shall have no other remunerative employment. Any 2 of the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum with power to transact all business of the commission.

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CHAPTER 524.

AN ACT to amend 16.54 of the statutes, relating to the exemption of certain officers and employes of cities of the first class from the civil service law applicable to such cities.

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

16.54 of the statutes is amended to read:

16.54 Officers who are elected by the people, or who by the statutes are required to be elected by the city council, inspectors and clerks of election, one deputy in each department whose office was created and exists by reason of statute, members of any board of education, the superintendent and teachers of schools, heads of any principal departments of the city, all members of the law, fire and police departments, * * * persons employed temporarily in the office of the city treasurer or other officer to assist in making out the tax roll, one private secretary of the mayor and any other officers, clerks or employes in the service of the city whose positions, in the judgment of the said city service commissioners, cannot, for the time being, be subjected, with advantage to the public service, to the general rules prepared under this act, shall not be affected as to their election, selection, or appointment by such rules made by said commissioners. When any position to be filled involves fiduciary responsibility or the handling of money, the appointing officer may require the appointee to furnish him a bond or other security for