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CHAPTER 540.

AN ACT creating an interim committee on highways to investigate and formulate a road program for the state, and making an appropriation.

WHEREAS, The highway system of Wisconsin must meet the ever growing transportation needs of all its people, whether they reside in metropolitan centers, in cities, small urban settlements or on the farm, and each class of thoroughfare from the heavy duty, heavily travelled superhighway to the little used trail, must be scientifically planned, adequately improved and properly correlated to form a unified, safe and economical transportation system; and

WHEREAS, During the past several years the construction of state highways has been lagging far behind the needs as shown by traffic surveys; and

WHEREAS, Over this same period there has been extensive diversion of highway revenues and there has been wide difference of opinion as to the proper allocation and expenditure of highway revenues; and

WHEREAS, A policy for future construction of state highways, county trunks, town roads and city and village streets should be formulated in order that there may be established a policy, fair and equitable to all units of government, and one that will provide for the orderly and economical administration of funds and provide for a continuity of construction and maintenance commensurate with the present and future traffic needs;

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

SECTION 1. An interim committee on highways is created, consisting of 3 members of the assembly and 3 members of the senate, appointed as are standing committees in the respective houses, and ex officio the chairman of the state highway commission and the state highway engineer.

SECTION 2. Said committee shall make a scientific study and survey of the traffic needs and requirements of the state, shall investigate the desirability or necessity for the construction of additional highways, for wider roads in congested areas, for highway and railway grade separation, for the repair, reconstruction or maintenance of present highways and for removing

and correcting hazardous and dangerous highway conditions. Said committee shall formulate a complete road and street building program for this state, and recommend means of financing same. The committee shall also make a thorough study of the engineering, economic and practical problems involved, giving due consideration to the allocation of highway revenues to various classes of roads coming under the jurisdiction of local governmental units. The mention of these special lines of inquiry and duty shall not be deemed a limitation but the committee shall have authority to inquire into any matter affecting the general subject of highways which it may deem advisable to study or investigate.

SECTION 3. The interim committee on highways shall begin its work as soon as possible after the adjournment of the 1943 session of the legislature. It shall report its findings or recommendations to the legislature of 1945 at the opening of the session, and with its report the committee shall submit drafts of bills to carry out its recommendations.

SECTION 4. The members of the committee shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary expenses. The committee may employ such technical, stenographic and other assistants as it deems necessary, and may fix the compensation of such employes.

SECTION 5. All state departments, and particularly the state highway commission, shall assist the committee in making any studies which it may desire to have made, and shall furnish the committee with such data and information as it may request.

SECTION 6. The committee shall hold such meetings at such times and in such places within the state as it may deem advisable. Any member shall have the power to administer oaths to persons testifying before the committee. By subpoena, issued over the signature of its chairman, or acting chairman, and served in the manner in which circuit court subpoenas are served, it may summon and compel the attendance of witnesses, and the production of all books, papers, documents, and records necessary or convenient to be examined and used by them in their investigation. If any witness, subpoenaed to appear before said committee, shall refuse to appear or to answer inquiries propounded, or shall fail or refuse to produce books, papers, documents, or records within his control, when the same are de-

manded, the committee shall report the facts to the circuit court of Dane county, and it shall be the duty of such court to compel obedience to the committee's subpoena 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.

SECTION 7. There is appropriated from the general fund to the interim committee on highways \$10,000 as a nonlapsible appropriation for the execution of its functions. All expenditures from this appropriation shall be on vouchers approved by the chairman and secretary of the committee.

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CHAPTER 541.

AN ACT to create 16.24 (3) of the statutes, relating to compensation of reinstated employes in competitive state civil service. *The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

16.24 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

16.24 (3) Any employe who shall have been removed, demoted, or reclassified, from or in any position or employment in contravention or violation of any provisions of sections 16.01 to 16.30, and who shall have been reinstated to such position or employment by order of the board or any court upon review, shall be entitled to compensation therefor from the date of such unlawful removal, demotion or reclassification at the rate to which he would have been entitled by law but for such unlawful removal, demotion or reclassification, and such employe shall be entitled to an order of mandamus to enforce the payment or other provisions of such order.

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