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CHAPTER 294.

AN ACT to amend 47.095 (1) of the statutes, relating to advisory committees of the blind.

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

47.095 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

47.095 ADVISORY * * * COMMITTEES OF THE BLIND. (1) There shall be created * * * 2 advisory * * * committees of the blind each to be composed of * * * 3 members. * * * One such committee shall act as an advisory committee to the board of public welfare, and the other * * * shall act as an advisory committee to the state superintendent of public instruction. The board of public welfare and state superintendent shall each appoint their committees of 3 members for terms of 2, 4 and 6 years respectively. Thereafter each member shall be appointed for a term of 6 years. Appointments shall be made on the basis of recognized interest in and a demonstrated knowledge of the problems of the visually handicapped. All members of the committee shall be visually handicapped. The committee appointed by the board of public welfare and the committee appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction shall make recommendations as to procedures and policies affecting any problem of the visually handicapped before such respective department. The * * * committees shall

advise on such services, activities, programs, investigations and researches as in their judgment shall contribute to the welfare of visually handicapped persons. *The board of public welfare and the superintendent of public instruction shall seek the advice of and consult with their respective advisory committees on problems and policy changes affecting the visually handicapped in such departments' respective jurisdictions; and the committees may initiate consultations with the respective departments. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary the committees shall have access to files, records and statistics kept in either department which relate to matters concerning the visually handicapped. The 3 members acting as the advisory committee to the board of public welfare and the 3 members acting as the advisory committee to the state superintendent of public instruction before the effective date (1949) of this amendment shall be the members of the advisory committee to the board of public welfare and the state superintendent of public instruction for the remainder of the terms for which originally appointed.*

Approved June 16, 1949.
