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## CHAPTER 278

AN ACT to amend 30.085 (3), (6) (a) and (8) and to create 30.085 (6) (g) and (7a) of the statutes, relating to harbor improvement.

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

SECTION 1. 30.085 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

30.085 (3) Said board shall, subject to the civil service law applicable to such city or county, appoint a secretary, not a member of said board, and fix his salary \* \* \*, and may also employ such engineers, draftsmen, surveyors, experts, clerks and other help as they \* \* \* deem necessary for the proper performance of their duties, and fix their compensation.

SECTION 2. 30.085 (6) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

30.085 (6) (a) All work done or supplies or materials purchased in carrying out the purposes of the statutes relating to the board of harbor commissioners when involving the expenditure by cities \* \* \* or such counties of \* \* \* \$2,500 or more, shall be by contract awarded to the lowest competent and reliable bidder, in accordance with the laws of this state and ordinances then applicable to any such city or county having such board, having reference to the letting of public work by and through the board or commissioner of public works or other officer \* \* \*, or department of such city or county, except that said board of harbor commissioners shall discharge the duties imposed by such laws upon the board or commissioner of public works, or other officer \* \* \*, or department of such city or county; but said board of harbor commissioners shall have power to purchase without public advertisement or first receiving competitive bids, or the intervention of a formal contract, any patented article, appliance, apparatus, material or process, or any article, appliance, apparatus, material or process made or manufactured by one party only, and without competitive bidding to contract for work or supplies or material in marine construction and repair work requiring the use of floating scows, pile drivers or other floating equipment at an expenditure by cities \* \* \* or such counties of less than \* \* \$5,000. SECTION 3. 30.085 (6) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

30.085 (6) (g) The governing body of such city or county may create a contingent fund for the purpose of making payments upon the signature of the secretary for emergency repairs authorized under par. (f).

SECTION 4. 30.085 (7a) of the statutes is created to read:

30.085 (7a) APPEARANCES BEFORE OFFICIAL BODIES. The board is authorized to make representations before official public bodies in the interest of preserving and promotion of port activities.

SECTION 5. 30.085 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

30.085 (8) Said board shall have power to fix and regulate the tolls, dockage, wharfage, craneage, shedage, storage, rates and rental or other charges which it \* \* *deems* necessary \* \* \* for the use of all publicly owned docks, wharves, warehouses, piers, slips, basins and other harbor and airport facilities and railway tracks and belt railways, subject \* \* \* to the prior approval of the same by the common council of such city or county board of such county. Said board may also, with the approval of the common council or county board, lease, either for exclusive or common use, such particular \* \* parcels of harbor lands or harbor facilities as it \* \* *deems* expedient to any party \* \* for any purpose or use requiring, involving or connected with the construction, maintenance, operation or use of any harbor facilities \* \*. Said board may \* \* lease, for revenue purposes, any of the harbor lands under its jurisdiction, not actually in use for harbor purposes, to be used for any purpose deemed satisfactory to the said board, and subject to the approval of the common council or county board. Said board shall also have power to fix and regulate tolls and charges for harbor towage and other tug and floating equipment service.

Approved July 1, 1957.