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CHAPTER 412

AN ACT to amend 83.025 (1); and to create 83.08 (4) of the statutes, relating to powers of the county boards to lay out, discontinue and vacate highways.

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

SECTION 1. 83.025 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

83.025 (1) The systems of county trunk highways heretofore selected by county boards and approved by the state highway commission are hereby validated. Changes may be made in the county trunk system from time to time by the county board if it deems that the public good is best served by making such changes. The county board in making such changes may order the county highway committee to lay out new highways and acquire the interests necessary by the procedures under s. 83.08. Such systems however may be altered or increased only with the consent of the commission. The county board, or the county highway committee, shall, by conference with the boards or highway committees of adjoining counties, or otherwise, cause their respective systems to join so as to make continuous lines of travel between the counties. Any highway which is a part of the county trunk system shall, by virtue thereof, be a portion of the system of county aid highways. Any city or village street or portion thereof selected as a portion of such system prior to May 1, 1939, shall be a portion of such system. All streets or highways in any city or village over which is routed a county trunk highway or forming connections through such city or village between portions of the county trunk highway system shall be a part of such system unless the governing body of the city or village, by resolution, removes such street or highway from the county trunk system, provided that in counties having a population of 500,000 or more the county board may remove from the county trunk highway system any part thereof which lies within an incorporated village or city, but such removal shall not be effected until one year after annexation proceeding affecting the area in question shall have become final.

SECTION 2. 83.08 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

83.08 (4) Subject to the approval of the state highway commission the county board is authorized and empowered to sell at public sale property, owned by the county in fee for highway purposes, when the county board shall determine that such property is no longer necessary for the county's use for highway purposes. The funds derived from such sale shall be deposited in the county highway fund and the expense incurred in connection with the sale shall be paid from that fund. However, approval of the state highway commission is not required where county funds only have been used.

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