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CHAPTER 34

AN ACT to amend 45.35 (11); and to create 188.21 of the statutes, relating to corporate powers of Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc. and membership on the advisory committee of the board of veterans' affairs.

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

SECTION 1. 45.35 (11) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.35 (11) The board shall create an advisory committee which shall consist of the following members: * * * 9 representatives of veterans' organizations, of whom one each shall be selected and certified to the board within 30 days after July 4, 1943 and annually thereafter not later than October 1 of each year by the state departments of the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Marine Corps League, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Navy Club of the U.S.A. * * * , the Veterans of World War II (AMVETS) the Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc., and the Military Order of the Purple Heart, one veteran who has served in the armed forces in Korea since June 26, 1950, one representative of the American Red Cross and one of the Wisconsin county veterans' service officers. The members of said committee shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Said committee shall assist the board in administering and carrying out the purposes of this section. The board may create such other advisory committees as it may deem advisable.

SECTION 2. 188.21 of the statutes is created to read:

188.21 CORPORATE POWERS OF THE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I OF THE U.S.A., INC. (1) The department of Wisconsin and any post, unit, barracks, department or auxiliary of the American Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc. organized in this state pursuant to the acts of congress passed July 18, 1958 (P.L. 85–530) (72 Stats. at Large pp. 370–375) and the acts amendatory thereto, shall have full corporate power to transact business in this state and to take over the assets and liabilities of the existing department of Wisconsin, posts, barracks, units, departments or auxiliaries of the Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc. upon filing with the secretary of state a statement of its intent so to do, and a full and complete list of its duly elected officers, and shall by so doing become a body corporate. No filing fee shall be charged by the secretary of state.

(2) All acts done by the department of Wisconsin or by any post, barracks, unit, department or auxiliary so incorporated, or its constituted authorities, shall be considered acts of said department of Wisconsin, post, unit, department or auxiliary, as a body corporate, and no personal liability shall be attached to any member therefor.

(3) Sections 180.46 and 181.32 shall not apply to corporations organized under s. 188.21. In the execution of any conveyance or encumbrance by such corporations, the department of Wisconsin, post, barracks, unit, department or auxiliary commander, and adjutant or like or similar officers, shall have the powers and duties granted to presidents and secretaries respectively under s. 235.01 (5).

(4) Section 188.20, so far as applicable, shall apply to corporations formed under this section.

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