

Chapter 615

AN ACT to renumber and amend 66.433 (5) and (6); to amend 66.433 (2); to repeal and recreate 66.433 (3) and (4); and to create 66.433 (5) to (8) of the statutes, relating to enabling ordinances adopted by municipalities participating in, and the organization and meetings of, community relations-social development commission.

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

SECTION 1. 66.433 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.433 (2) Each municipality is authorized and urged to either establish by ordinance a community relations-social development commission or to participate in such a commission established on an intergovernmental basis within the county, ~~and pursuant to enabling ordinances adopted by the participating municipalities; but a school district may establish or participate in such a commission by resolution instead of by ordinance.~~ *Such intergovernmental commission may be established in co-operation with any nonprofit corporation located in the county and composed primarily of public and private welfare agencies devoted to any of the purposes set forth in this section. Every such ordinance or resolution shall substantially embody the language of sub. (3). Each municipality may appropriate money to defray the expenses of such commission. If such commission is established on an intergovernmental basis within the county, the provisions of s. 66.30, relating to local co-operation, are applicable thereto as optional authority and may be utilized by participating municipalities to effectuate the purposes of this section, but a contract between municipalities is not necessary for the joint exercise of any power authorized for the joint performance of any duty required herein.*

SECTION 2. 66.433 (3) and (4) of the statutes are repealed and recreated to read:

66.433 (3) PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS OF COMMISSION. (a) The purpose of the commission is to study, analyze and recommend solutions for the major social, economic and cultural problems which affect people residing or working within the municipality including, without restriction because of enumeration, problems of the family, youth, education, the aging, juvenile delinquency, health and zoning standards, and discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations and facilities on the basis of class, race, religion or ethnic or minority status.

(b) The commission may:

1. Include within its studies problems related to pornography, industrial strife and the inciting or fomenting of class, race or religious hatred and prejudice.

2. Encourage and foster participation in the fine arts.

(c) The commission shall:

1. Recommend to the municipal governing body and chief executive or administrative officer the enactment of such ordinances or other action as they deem necessary:

a. To establish and keep in force proper health standards for the community and beneficial zoning for the community area in order to facilitate the elimination of blighted areas and to prevent the start and spread of such areas;

b. To insure to all municipal residents, regardless of race or color, the rights to possess equal housing accommodations and to enjoy equal employment opportunities.

2. Co-operate with state and federal agencies and nongovernmental organizations having similar or related functions.

3. Examine the need for publicly and privately sponsored studies and programs in any field of human relationship which will aid in accomplishing the foregoing objectives, and initiate such public programs and studies and participate in and promote such privately sponsored programs and studies.

4. Have authority to conduct public hearings within the municipality and to administer oaths to persons testifying before it.

5. Employ such staff as is necessary to implement the duties assigned to it.

(4) COMPOSITION OF COMMISSION. The commission shall be nonpartisan and composed of citizens residing in the municipality, including representatives of the clergy and minority groups, and the composition thereof, number and method of appointing and removing the members thereof shall be determined by the local legislative bodies creating or participating in such commission. Of the persons first appointed, one-third shall hold office for one year, one-third for 2 years, and one-third for 3 years from the first day of February next following their appointment, and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. All succeeding terms shall be for 3 years. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments. Every person appointed as a member of the commission shall take and file the official oath.

SECTION 3. 66.433 (5) and (6) of the statutes are renumbered 66.433 (9) and (10), respectively, and amended to read:

66.433 (9) It is the intent of this section to promote fair and friendly relations among all the people in this state, and to that end race, creed or color ought not to be made tests in the matter of the right of any person to sell, lease, occupy or use real estate or to earn his livelihood or to enjoy the equal use of public accommodations and facilities.

(10) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "~~Bill of Human Rights~~ *The Wisconsin Bill of Human Rights.*"

SECTION 4. 66.433 (5) to (8) of the statutes are created to read:

66.433 (5) ORGANIZATION. The commission shall meet in January, April, July and October of each year, and may meet at such additional times as the members determine or the chairman directs. Annually, it shall elect from its membership a chairman, vice chairman and secretary. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum. Members of the commission shall receive no compensation, but each member shall be entitled to his actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his duties. The commission may appoint consulting committees consisting of either members or nonmembers or both, the appointees of which shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary expenses. All expense accounts shall be paid by the commission on certification by the chairman or acting chairman.

(6) OPEN MEETINGS. All meetings of the commission and its consulting committees shall be publicly held and open to all citizens at all times as required by s. 14.90.

(7) DESIGNATION OF COMMISSIONS AS CO-OPERATING AGENCIES UNDER FEDERAL LAW. (a) The commission may be the official agency of the municipality to accept assistance under title II of the federal economic opportunity act of 1964. No assistance shall be accepted with respect to

any matter to which objection is made by the legislative body creating such commission, but if the commission is established on an intergovernmental basis and such objection is made by any participating legislative body said assistance may be accepted with the approval of a majority of the legislative bodies participating in such commission.

(b) The commission may be the official agency of the municipality to accept assistance from the community relations service of the U.S. department of justice under title X of the federal civil rights act of 1964 to provide assistance to communities in resolving disputes, disagreements or difficulties relating to discriminatory practices based on race, color or national origin which may impair the rights of persons in the municipality under the constitution or laws of the United States or which affect or may affect interstate commerce.

(8) OTHER POWERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. County boards may appropriate county funds for the operation of community relations-social development commissions established or reconstituted under this section, including those participated in on an equal basis by non-profit corporations located in the county and comprised primarily of public and private welfare agencies devoted to any of the purposes set forth in this section. The legislature finds that the expenditure of county funds for the establishment or support of such commissions is for a public purpose.

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