

Senate Bill 22

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CHAPTER 20, LAWS OF 1967

AN ACT to renumber 13.53 (4) (e); to amend 13.53 (1), (2), (3), (4) (a) and (5); to repeal and recreate 13.53 (4) (d); and to create 13.53 (4) (e) and (f) and 20.530 (7) (g) of the statutes, relating to duties, powers and terms of the council for home and family.

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

SECTION 1. 13.53 (1), (2), (3), (4) (a) and (5) of the statutes are amended to read:

13.53 (1) There is created a council for home and family, consisting of the 4 chairmen of the senate and assembly public welfare and judiciary committees or a member of each such committee designated by the chairman thereof to serve in his place, and 13 members appointed by the joint legislative council for terms of 2 years *from the May 1 next following their appointments*, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. *Terms of judges and clergymen shall expire in even-numbered years and terms of other appointees shall expire in odd-numbered years.* Each appointive member shall be a resident of the state who has demonstrated a special and continuing interest in family problems and their solution. The legislative council shall select the appointive members as follows: 3 judges who preside over family court branches, 3 clergymen, 2 practicing attorneys, one trained sociologist or one college instructor with a rank of not less than assistant professor, one family court commissioner or assistant commissioner, one county corporation counsel or assistant counsel, one county public welfare director or assistant director and one representative of a voluntary social welfare agency. Members of the council for home and family shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred as members of the council for home and family.

2) The council for home and family shall meet *at least quarterly in the first week of January, April, July and October* of each year, and may meet at such other times as the members determine or the chairman directs.

(3) Within the limits of its appropriation, the council for home and family may appoint consulting committees consisting of *members or non-members or both*, the appointees of which shall also receive their actual and necessary expenses.

(4) (a) Study the scope and operation of the laws of this state and surrounding states relating to marriage, actions affecting marriages, and support of children and other dependents, examine recent supreme court decisions affecting the same, and *submit a written report annually of its findings, conclusions and recommendations and actions taken thereon* to the legislative council, ~~and also to the legislature when in session, its findings and recommendations and actions taken thereon~~ *the governor and the supreme court on or before May 1 of each odd-numbered year.* Such findings shall include all vital facts and statistics that the council for home and family deems necessary and useful, relating to marriages and actions affecting marriage in each county of this state, to be compiled with the co-operation of the state registrar of vital statistics, the judicial council, the director of public welfare, the county clerk and family court commissioner of each county and the clerk of every court having jurisdiction over actions affecting marriage.

(5) The *legislative council*, the judicial council, director of public welfare, revisor of statutes and registrar of vital statistics may furnish con-

suitants from their respective staffs to advise and assist the council for home and family in the performance of its functions.

SECTION 2. 13.53 (4) (d) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

13.53 (4) (d) Have authority to conduct workshops and public hearings throughout the state, and to sponsor or participate in conferences for home and family on a state or local level and to participate in such conferences on a regional, interstate or national level.

SECTION 3. 13.53 (4) (e) of the statutes is renumbered 13.53 (4) (g).

SECTION 3a. 13.53 (4) (e) and (f) of the statutes are created to read:

13.53 (4) (e) Co-ordinate and stimulate the activities of county family life councils and other public and private organizations, and such activities of the federal government as apply to this state.

(f) Have authority to receive and use gifts, grants, bequests and devises for the purposes and programs specified in this section, and for the establishment of a family life center to develop or administer programs and projects for the improvement of family living. Such center may be established in co-operation or conjunction with an appropriate state agency or a nonprofit medical institution.

SECTION 4. 20.530 (7) (g) of the statutes is created to read:

20.530 (7) (g) *Gifts and grants.* All moneys received as gifts, grants, bequests and devises for the purposes for which made.

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