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**CHAPTER 383 , Laws of 1981**

AN ACT to repeal 146.70 (4) (b), (6) (a) and (8); to renumber and amend 146.70 (6) (b); and to amend 146.70 (2) (a) to (e) and (g), (9) (c) and (11) (b) of the statutes, relating to making emergency telephone number systems optional instead of mandatory.

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

SECTION 1. 146.70 (2) (a) to (e) and (g), (9) (c) and (11) (b) of the statutes are amended to read:

146.70 (2) (a) Every public agency, except a state agency, ~~shall~~ may establish and maintain within its respective jurisdiction ~~by December 31, 1987, a basic or sophisticated system as required by~~ under this section. Such a system shall be in a central location.

(b) Every basic or sophisticated system established under this section shall be capable of transmitting requests for law enforcement, fire fighting and emergency medical and ambulance services to the public safety agencies providing such services. Such system may provide for transmittal of requests for poison control, suicide prevention and civil defense services and may be capable of transmitting requests to ambulance services provided by private corporations. If any agency of the state which provides law enforcement, fire fighting, emergency medical or ambulance services is located within the boundaries of a basic or sophisticated system ~~required by~~ established under this section, such system shall be capable of transmitting requests for the services of such agency to the agency.

(c) The digits "911" shall be the primary emergency telephone number within every basic or sophisticated system established under this section. A public agency or public safety agency located within the boundaries of a basic or sophisticated system established under this section shall maintain a separate 7-digit phone number for nonemergency telephone calls. Every such agency may maintain separate secondary 7-digit back-up numbers.

(d) Public agencies, including agencies with different territorial boundaries, may combine to establish a basic or sophisticated system ~~as required by~~ established under this section.

(e) If a public agency or group of public agencies combined to establish an emergency phone system under par. (d) has a population of 250,000 or more, such agency or group of agencies shall establish a sophisticated system ~~by December 31, 1987.~~

(g) Every telephone utility providing coin-operated telephones for public use within the boundaries of a basic or sophisticated system established under this section shall convert, by December 31, 1987, all such telephones to telephones which enable a user to reach "911" without inserting a coin. Any coin-operated telephone installed by a telephone utility after December 31, 1987, in an agency which has established an emergency phone system under this section shall enable a user to reach "911" without inserting a coin.

(9) (c) Copies of the annual agreement required by pars. (a) and (b) shall be filed with the departments of justice and administration. ~~Commencing with the year 1987, all agreements required under this subsection shall be filed prior to January 31.~~ If a public agency or public safety agency fails to enter into such agreement or to file copies thereof,

the department of justice shall commence judicial proceedings to enforce compliance with this subsection.

(11) (b) ~~On or before January 1, 1981, every~~ Every public agency establishing a basic or sophisticated system under this section shall submit tentative plans for the establishment of a ~~basic or sophisticated~~ the system as required under this section to the telephone utility providing service within the respective boundaries of such public agency. Such plans shall also be filed with the department. ~~On or before January 1, 1983, every~~ The public agency shall submit final plans for the establishment of ~~such systems~~ the system to the telephone utility and shall provide for the implementation of the plans by ~~December 31, 1987~~. A copy of such final plan shall also be filed with the department. If a public agency has established a basic or sophisticated system ~~as required by~~ under this section ~~prior to the deadline specified in this paragraph~~ prior to the effective date of this act (1981), the agency shall submit a report describing the system and stating the date the system began to operate. Every plan or report filed under this paragraph shall provide for a system which conforms to the standards set forth by the department under par. (a).

SECTION 2. 146.70 (4) (b), (6) (a) and (8) of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 3. 146.70 (6) (b) of the statutes is renumbered 146.70 (6) and amended to read:

146.70 (6) TELEPHONE UTILITY REQUIREMENTS. ~~By December 31, 1985, a~~ A telephone utility ~~serving a public agency or group of public agencies required to have which have established~~ a sophisticated system under sub. (2) (e) shall provide by December 31, 1985, or upon establishing a system, whichever is later, such public agency or group of public agencies access to the telephone numbers of subscribers and the addresses associated with the numbers as needed to implement automatic number identification and automatic location identification in a sophisticated system, but such information shall at all times remain under the direct control of the telephone utility and a telephone utility may not be required to release a number and associated address to a public agency or group of public agencies unless a call to the telephone number "911" has been made from such number. The costs of such access shall be paid by the public agency or group of public agencies.

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