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**CHAPTER 359.**

AN ACT to amend 15.77 (1), (4), (5) (a) and (c), (9), (10), 15.78, 15.80, 15.81, 15.83 (1) and (2), 20.12 (12), 45.01; to repeal and recreate 15.77 (6) of the statutes, relating to powers and duties of the bureau of engineering and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 3. 15.77 (1), (4), (5) (a) and (c), (9) and (10) of the statutes are amended to read:

15.77 (1) To take charge of and supervise all engineering or architectural service or construction work performed by, or for, the state, or any department, board, institution, commission or officer thereof, except the *engineering, architectural and construction work of the state highway commission and the engineering service performed by the industrial commission, department of taxation, public service commission, board of health and other departments, boards and commissions when such service is not related to the maintenance, construction and planning of the physical properties of the state;*

(4) To approve the appointment of a chief engineer connected with \* \* \* each state owned power and electric plant and pumping and heating station and to provide for the methods of operating said plants and stations and \* \* \* to design records and forms for reporting accurately the cost per unit of product or service. The superintendent or other person having charge of said plants shall not only report to his governing body but to the state engineer in the manner provided and at such times as the state chief engineer shall determine.

(5) (a) To have charge of, operate, maintain and keep in repair the state capitol building and the grounds connected therewith, \* \* \* the executive residence, the light, heat and power plant and such other state properties as may be designated by law; to appoint such number of policemen as may be necessary to safeguard all public property placed by law in his charge, and, personally or by any such policeman, to arrest, with or without warrant, any person violating any law within or around any of said properties.

(c) To let concessions for periods not exceeding 2 years for

the operation of a \* \* \* barber shop, and cigar stand in the capitol, under such terms and conditions as will in his judgment be most favorable to the state, and \* \* \* in accordance with section 47.09;

(9) To rebuild and repair discarded machinery of the several state institutions \* \* \* when found \* \* \* feasible, and put the same back into service in the same department or in any other state department, and upon requisition to furnish services and material and loan equipment at fair rentals based on the cost thereof, in connection with the construction, operation and maintenance of heating and power plants, utilities and equipment.

(10) The state chief engineer or his designated assistants shall make \* \* \* a biennial inspection of each building of each institution of the state \* \* \*. Upon \* \* \* completion of such inspection, he shall report his findings to the governor and to the board, commission or officer in charge of such institution.

SECTION 4. 15.78 of the statutes is amended to read:

15.78 The \* \* \* engineer or architect employed pursuant to section 15.77 (6) shall have charge and supervision of the work of the department, board, commission or officer \* \* \* by whom employed, subject, however, to the general direction of the state chief engineer and the immediate direction of \* \* \* the department, board, commission or officer.

SECTION 5. 15.80 of the statutes is amended to read:

15.80 The cost of services furnished pursuant to section 15.77 (2) to (4), (6), (7) and (9) shall be charged to and paid out of the respective appropriations to the departments, boards, commissions or officers receiving such services, whenever in the judgment of the state chief engineer the cost of the services \* \* \* can be \* \* \* ascertained with reasonable accuracy.

SECTION 6. 15.81 of the statutes is amended to read:

15.81 No department, board, commission, officer or agent of the state shall employ engineering or architectural services or expend money for construction purposes on behalf of the state, except as provided in this chapter. No major repair or major improvement shall be authorized or undertaken by the board, commission or officer in charge of any institution prior to the completion of \* \* \* a report of the state chief engineer, except

in cases of emergency, which shall be first reported to the state chief engineer before any work thereon is commenced.

SECTION 7. 15.83 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

15.83 (1) Prepare all specifications for contracts for coal and other solid fuel for all state owned or operated heating or heating and power plants wherein the annual requirement is in excess of 50 tons of such fuel. All such specifications *where feasible* shall provide for purchase of such coal on a heating value and quality basis and may provide for an adjustment of the base price as affected by an increase or decrease in the miners' wage scale during the life of the contract in the district in which the coal purchased is produced.

(2) Test all coal and other solid fuel purchased for state owned or operated heating or heating and power plants wherein the annual requirement is in excess of 50 tons *and where purchased on a heating value and quality basis.*

SECTION 8. 20.12 (12) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.12 (12) On July 1, 1925, \$4,000 to be used as a revolving appropriation \* \* \* *to carry on the functions provided for in section 15.77 (9). All proceeds from the operation under section 15.77 (9) shall be paid into the general fund and credited to this appropriation.*

SECTION 9. 45.01 of the statutes is amended to read:

45.01 It shall be the duty of the \* \* \* *bureau of engineering* to provide suitable rooms in the capitol and properly prepare them for the purpose of a memorial hall dedicated to the soldiers and sailors who served in Wisconsin commands in the civil war of 1861 to 1865 or any subsequent wars.

SECTION 10. 15.77 (6) of the statutes is repealed and re-created to read:

15.77 (6) To approve the appointment, subject to the provisions of chapter 16, of a principal engineer or architect when requested to do so by departments, boards and commissions and when continuous service is needed.

Approved July 2, 1947.