

money to pay such interest, and this shall apply to bonds heretofore issued, or voted to be issued on substantially such plan. Nothing in this section shall require that all such bonds shall bear the same date of issuance or that the whole or any part of any bond issue authorized under the provisions of this section must be sold at any specific time. * * * *The bonds shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest. The bonds shall be signed by the chairman of the county board and the county clerk in their official capacities and be sealed with the county seal. They shall be in the form approved by the state highway commission, and 3 certified copies of such approved form shall be furnished by the commission to a county having voted to issue bonds pursuant to this section. The cost of printing the bonds, unless borne by the purchaser as part of the purchase price, shall be paid by the county as a county highway administrative cost. The amendment (1947) of this subsection and subsection (1) shall in no way invalidate any bonds issued, or any proceedings for the issuance of bonds taken prior to the effective date of such amendment.*

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CHAPTER 444.

AN ACT to create 13.35 and 20.015 of the statutes, relating to the secretary's office for interim committees and creating a joint legislative council to conduct interim study and research on subjects and problems affecting the general welfare of the state, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 13.35 of the statutes is created to read:

13.35 JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. (1) There is created a joint legislative council, consisting of 5 senators and 5 assemblymen, to be appointed as are standing committees in the respective houses, not more than one of whom to be appointed from the same congressional district; and 2 assemblymen to be appointed in the same manner from the state at large. The terms of all members shall expire on May 1 in each odd-numbered year.

The council shall elect from its membership a chairman and a secretary.

(2) The council may appoint subcommittees consisting of members of the legislature and such citizens having special knowledge on a particular subject as the council may determine, to study and report on assigned subjects. The members of such subcommittees shall be certified to the secretary of state. One member of the council shall be ex officio a member of each subcommittee. A vacancy on such council shall be filled by the speaker of the house in case of members of the assembly and by the president of the senate in case of the senate members. A vacancy on any subcommittee shall be filled as in the case of original appointment.

(3) The council shall make such surveys and studies, and compile such data, information, and records on any question which may be referred to it for interim study and investigation or on such other matters as in its judgment will be beneficial in effecting an orderly readjustment in our economy and in minimizing the problems of a post-war recession affecting the general welfare of our state. To this end the council shall:

(a) Maintain liaison with federal, state and local officials and agencies concerned with post-war planning, housing, veterans' administration, and the public welfare.

(b) Prepare studies of the methods of financing education, veterans' benefits and post-war planning projects, including, if necessary, the acquisition of additional revenue therefor.

(c) To conduct research and secure information or data on any subject concerning the government and general welfare of the state and of its political subdivisions.

(d) To make recommendations for legislative or administrative action on any subject or question it has considered, including the submission of such draft or drafts of bills as may be deemed advisable.

(e) The enumeration of specific powers, duties or functions herein shall not be deemed a limitation of the functions of the council, but the council may make such studies and surveys and prepare and compile such data and information as it may deem advisable on any phase of any problem referred to it or which it may determine to investigate.

(4) The council or any subcommittee thereof when so authorized by the council is empowered to hold public hearings,

at such times and places within the state as may be determined to make such investigations and surveys as deemed advisable or necessary to accomplish the purposes and intent of this section. Any member of the council or of any subcommittee shall have the power to administer oaths to persons testifying before the council or any subcommittee. By subpoena, issued over the signature of its chairman, or acting chairman, and served in the manner in which circuit court subpoenas are served, the council or any subcommittee may summon and compel the attendance of witnesses, and the production of all books, papers, documents and records necessary or convenient to be examined and used by them in their investigation. If any witness subpoenaed to appear before said council or any subcommittee shall refuse to appear or to answer inquiries propounded, or shall fail or refuse to produce books, papers, documents or records within his control, when the same are demanded, the council or subcommittee shall report the facts to the circuit court of Dane county, and it shall be the duty of such court to compel obedience of the council's or the subcommittee's subpoena by attachment proceedings for contempt as in the case of disobedience of the requirements of a subpoena issued from such court or a refusal to testify therein.

(5) Any subject proposed for study or investigation during the interim between legislative sessions shall be referred to and considered by the legislative council. If the council determines that proposed study or investigation is feasible and is not within a subject already assigned, the council shall appoint a subcommittee to conduct such study or investigation. This subsection does not apply to the joint survey on retirement systems provided for by chapter 376, laws of 1947 (bill No. 361, S).

(6) The council may require that any recommendation for legislation to be presented by any department, official or agency of the state government, for consideration of the council, be presented to it at least 60 days prior to the regular session.

(7) The members of the council or the subcommittees shall receive no compensation for their services but they shall be reimbursed for expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties. The council may employ such stenographers and clerks as may be necessary within or without the provisions of chapter 16, and fix the compensation of such personnel as it may deem necessary for the execution of

the functions of the council and its subcommittees. The office of general secretary created by chapter 414, laws of 1945, section 2 is continued but the council shall determine the qualifications of and appoint the secretary and staff. The council may employ such additional technical and secretarial help as it may deem necessary. The council or any subcommittee may call upon any state department, agency, or officer, or agency of any political subdivision for such facilities and data as may be available and state departments, agencies and officers, and agencies of political subdivisions shall co-operate with the council or any subcommittee to the fullest possible extent.

(8) The council, or any subcommittee appointed by it, may meet at such time and place as it may determine, but the council shall meet at least once every 3 months. It shall meet upon call of the chairman or a call signed by 5 members of the council. Six members shall constitute a quorum and a majority of such quorum may act in any matter within the jurisdiction of the council.

(9) The council shall submit a report of its findings, conclusions and recommendations to any special session of the legislature that may be called or, if no special session is called, to the governor and the next regular session of the legislature not later than 30 days before the opening of the session. It may submit with its report drafts of such bills as it may deem advisable.

(10) The council and subcommittees shall be provided with adequate office space in the capitol building, preferably in such room or rooms as are assigned to legislative committees during regular sessions.

SECTION 2. 20.015 of the statutes is created to read:

20.015 JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. (1) There is appropriated from the general fund annually, beginning July 1, 1947, \$30,000 to the joint legislative council created by section 13.35 for the execution of the functions of the council and its subcommittees. Expenditures from this appropriation shall be by voucher signed by the chairman and secretary of the council.

(2) The council may accept and use any funds made available to it in connection with any research or study undertaken by it. All such funds shall be paid within one week after receipt into the general fund and are appropriated and credited to the appropriation made in subsection (1).

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