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**CHAPTER 544**

AN ACT to create 13.55 of the statutes, relating to the establishment of a governor's committee to study problems of urban expansion.

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

SECTION 1. 13.55 of the statutes is created to read:

**13.55 GOVERNOR'S STUDY COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF URBAN EXPANSION.** (1) **PURPOSE.** The purpose of the governor's study

committee on problems of urban expansion is to conduct studies of the problems confronting city and village governments throughout the state, except in counties having a population of 500,000 or more, resulting from urban expansion and the effect of such expansion upon adjacent communities.

(2) CREATION. The governor's study committee on problems of urban expansion is created on July 1, 1957, for the period until June 30, 1959, and shall consist of 3 senators, and 4 assemblymen, representing both urban and rural communities, who shall be appointed as are standing committees, and 8 citizens appointed by the governor, having a general interest in problems of urban expansion and its effect upon suburban and rural communities, who shall not hold public office during their appointment. None of such members shall be a resident of a county having a population of 500,000 or more. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as are the original appointments except that vacancies in the seat of a legislative member, occurring during the legislative interim, shall be filled by the legislative council at its next meeting following the occurrence of the vacancy.

(3) ORGANIZATION. (a) The committee is attached to the joint legislative council for administrative purposes only.

(b) The committee may employ such research staff as it deems necessary outside ch. 16.

(c) Members of the committee shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(d) The committee may appoint subcommittees for the purpose of conducting studies in conformity with the purposes and duties set forth in this section. The subcommittees may include members of the committee and citizens residing in the problem areas who have demonstrated interest and competency in the matters to be studied, who shall not hold public office during their tenure.

(4) POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE. (a) The committee may hold public hearings in various parts of the state and subpoena and swear witnesses as provided in ss. 13.25 to 13.30 and may require the production of documents, books and records relevant to the subject of its inquiry.

(5) DUTIES. Except in counties having a population of 500,000 or more, the committee shall have the following specific duties which are not restricted because of enumeration:

(a) Ascertain the problems affecting cities and villages and adjacent communities resulting from urban expansion.

(b) Determine what areas of the state are or may be concerned with problems of urban expansion.

(c) Consider and recommend such revisions in the statutes as are deemed necessary to aid in the solution of the problem resulting from urban expansion.

(d) Consider the respective roles of the state and local governments in the solution of such problems.

(e) Report its findings and recommendations including specific legislative proposals to the 1959 legislature when it convenes.

(6) INTENT. It is the intention of the legislature to provide for studies of problems of urban expansion throughout the state, except in counties having a population of 500,000 or more, and this section shall not be construed to preclude or limit any study of such problems by any other duly authorized committee.

(7) GIFTS AND GRANTS. The legislative council may accept gifts and grants for the purpose of financing this study in accordance with s. 20.953.

Approved August 7, 1957.