

sion of 1920, are hereby validated. The railroad commission of Wisconsin is hereby authorized to pay any unpaid obligations, arising out of the administration of said act, out of the funds available under the provisions of subsection (1) of section 20.51 of the statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 550.

AN ACT to repeal section 1379—31m and to create a new section of the statutes to be numbered 1379—31m, relating to the construction or reconstruction of bridges made necessary by the construction of drainage ditches across public highways.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1379—31m of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. A new section is added to the statutes to be numbered and to read: Section 1379—31m. 1. (a) Whenever the construction of a drainage ditch across a public highway shall make necessary the construction or reconstruction of any bridge, the district and the officers in charge of the maintenance of the bridge shall endeavor to come to an agreement as to the most practicable and desirable method of constructing or reconstructing the said bridge. In case they are unable to agree, the matter shall be referred to the court for determination.

(b) If it shall be determined to reconstruct or add to the bridge existing at the time of such crossing, the district shall pay the costs incident thereto. If it shall be deemed most practicable and desirable to construct a new bridge, the district shall pay to the unit of government responsible for the maintenance of the bridge for use in constructing the new structure such sum as shall be deemed equivalent to the value of the bridge in place at the time of constructing the drainage ditch.

2. If it is desired to construct a new bridge across any drainage ditch, the officers in charge of such construction shall notify

the drainage commissioners by registered letter addressed to the secretary thereof. If said commissioners shall within ten days file with such officers a written order to that effect, it shall be obligatory on such officers to construct such new bridge of such clear span as the said commissioners shall order and in such manner as to make possible the removal of its superstructure to permit the passage of such floating dredge. In case such order of the commissioners shall require the bridge to be built of greater span than is necessary for proper drainage of flood waters, any excess cost resulting from such order shall be paid by the district. If such bridge shall be required to be built in such manner as to permit the removal of its superstructure to afford passageway for dredges any increased cost of maintenance and the cost of such removal, when required, shall be paid by the district.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 551.

AN ACT to amend sections 2394—16, 2394—19, 2394—21, and 2394—22, of the statutes, relating to workmen's compensation.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2394—16, of the statutes, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

In all proceedings upon claims for compensation against the state, the attorney-general, personally or by an assistant, may appear on behalf of the state.

SECTION 2. Section 2394—19, of the statutes, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

Whenever an award is made against the state the attorney-general may bring an action for review thereof in the same manner and upon the same grounds as are provided by subsection 1 hereof.

SECTION 3. Section 2394—21, of the statutes, is hereby amended by adding at the end of subsection 1 thereof the following: The state shall be deemed a party aggrieved, within the meaning