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CHAPTER 32.

AN ACT to repeal and recreate paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section 67.12 of the statutes, relating to temporary borrowing by counties.

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section 67.12 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. A new paragraph is added to subsection (7) of section 67.12 of the statutes to be numbered and to read: (67.12) (7) (b) In other counties, at any time after taxes have been levied in any year and before the first day of June in the succeeding year, a sum not exceeding fifty per cent of the last tax levy for county purposes. Such sum shall be repaid, with interest at the agreed rate, on or before the first day of April following the next tax levy.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 33.

AN ACT to repeal sections 15.001 and 15.002 and subsection (9) of section 15.04; to create new sections 15.001 to 15.004, paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of section 20.01 and subsection (8) of section 20.02; and to amend the introductory paragraph of section 15.28, section 15.30, subsection (2) of section 15.33, subsection (1) of section 15.37, and paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section 15.77, relating to an executive council and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 15.001 and 15.002 and subsection (9) of section 15.04 of the statutes are repealed.

SECTION 2. Four new sections are added to the statutes, two new paragraphs are added to subsection (1) of section 20.01, and a new subsection is added to section 20.02 to read: 15.001 (1)

There is created an executive council to consist of five senators and five assemblymen, appointed as are standing committees in the respective houses, and of ten other citizens appointed by the governor without confirmation. All appointments shall expire with the term of the governor during which they were made, and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments are made.

(2) Meetings of the executive council shall be held on call of the governor, at any place within the state as the governor may designate. The council shall elect such officers as it may deem necessary and shall keep complete minutes of its proceedings. Ten members shall constitute a quorum and a majority of a quorum shall have power to act in any matter falling within the jurisdiction of the council. The council may delegate any particular matter falling within its functions to any committee of its own membership for investigation and attention.

(3) The members of the executive council shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary expenses in attending any meeting of the council or of any of its committees, or in performing any duty delegated to them by the council.

15.002 It shall be the function of the executive council and it shall have power and authority:

(1) To advise the governor in any matter which he may refer to the council.

(2) To investigate the functioning of any department of the state government or of any institution, bureau or division thereof, or of any agency or activity supported in whole or in part by state funds.

(3) To make studies of any governmental problem existing or arising within the state and affecting the state government.

(4) To investigate and study the possibilities for consolidations in the state government, for the elimination of all unnecessary activities and of all duplication in inspection service and other functions of departments; and of methods of increasing efficiency and effecting economies.

(5) To assign each state officer entitled by law to be supplied with office room to a suitable room or rooms in the capitol so long as rooms for that purpose are available; and to approve of all leases of quarters made by the director of purchases pur-

suant to section 15.37. In assigning officers to rooms in the capitol, preference shall be given to those expressly entitled by law to such rooms over those not so expressly entitled to them. All assignments of rooms to state officers in effect immediately prior to the taking effect of this section shall remain in effect until altered by the executive council pursuant to law.

(6) To employ such assistants and fix their compensation, as it may deem advisable and its appropriations permit.

15.003 (1) In the discharge of any duty imposed upon it by law, the executive council or any member thereof may administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses, and the production of papers, books, accounts, documents and testimony, and to cause the deposition of witnesses, either residing within or without the state, to be taken in the manner prescribed by law for taking depositions in civil actions in the circuit court. In case of disobedience on the part of any person to comply with any subpoena issued in behalf of the executive council, or on the refusal of any witness to testify to any matters regarding which he may be lawfully interrogated, it shall be the duty of the circuit court of any county, or of the judge thereof, on application of a member of the council, to compel obedience 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.

(2) Each witness who appears before the executive council by its order, other than a state officer or employe, shall receive for his attendance the fees and mileage provided for witnesses in civil cases in courts of record, which shall be audited and paid upon the presentation of proper vouchers sworn to by such witness and approved by the governor.

15.004 Each officer, board, commission or department of state government shall furnish to the executive council any information and records in its possession which the council may request, and shall make such reports, compile such data, and conduct such studies to or for the executive council as it may require, and as can be made within the limits of the appropriation to such officer, board, commission or department.

(20.01) (1) (c) Members of the legislature serving on any legislative or interim committee, the executive council, the emergency board or on any other body all or a part of whose members

are by law required to be members of the legislature shall be paid no additional compensation for such services but shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary expenses in attending any meeting of such committee or other body held while the legislature is not in session or during a recess of the legislature of one month or more in duration.

(d) Members of the legislature elected, appointed, or employed in or to any other office or employment under the state government not incompatible with their membership in the legislature shall be paid only such part of the salary fixed for such office or employment as is in excess of the salary paid them as members of the legislature.

(20.02) (8) To the executive council, annually, beginning July, 1931, ten thousand dollars for the exercise of its functions. Expenditures from this appropriation shall be made upon vouchers approved by the governor.

SECTION 3. The introductory paragraph of section 15.28, section 15.30, subsection (2) of section 15.33, subsection (1) of section 15.37, and paragraph (c) of subsection (5) of section 15.77 of the statutes are amended to read: (15.28) (Introductory paragraph) The director of purchases shall have the full power and authority and is hereby directed to purchase and may, subject to the approval of the * * * *executive* council, delegate to special designated agents the authority to purchase:

15.30 The * * * *executive* council shall make rules and regulations not inconsistent with law, governing the manner, methods and times of making requisitions and the methods of purchase, delivery, cash discounts, inspection, testing and storage and periodic inventories of the material, services and other expense required by section 15.28 to be purchased and procured through the state purchasing bureau. Such rules and regulations shall also provide for the transfer of supplies, materials and equipment, which are surplus with one office to another which may need them, in which case due credit shall be given to the office releasing the same, and for the disposal, by private or public sale, of supplies, materials and equipment which are obsolete and unusable. The proceeds of such sale shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury.

(15.33) (2) The * * * *executive* council, shall provide the procedure for purchasing supplies, materials, equipment and

contractual services when the estimated cost of same is under three thousand dollars, providing insofar as possible for competition. In the case of purchases of patented mechanical articles for over five hundred dollars, such procedure shall provide for securing bids on similar supplies of various standard makes of equal quality and efficiency and for purchases from the lowest responsible bidder.

(15.37) (1) To lease all quarters required for the performance of the duties of state offices and officers outside of state owned buildings, subject to the approval of the * * * *executive council*;

(15.77) (5) (c) To let concessions, subject to the approval of the * * * *executive council*, for periods not exceeding two years for the operation of a restaurant, 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 secure efficient and economical service;

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved April 6, 1931.

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CHAPTER 34.

AN ACT to create paragraph (j) of subsection (1) of section 206.34 of the statutes, relating to the investment of life insurance funds in the notes of building and loan associations.

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

SECTION 1. A new paragraph is added to subsection (1) of section 206.34 of the statutes to read: (206.34) (1) (j) In interest bearing notes of any building and loan association organized under the laws of this state.

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

Approved April 6, 1931.