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CHAPTER 271.

AN ACT to repeal and recreate section 21.615 of the statutes, relating to the state armory board and its powers and duties.

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

21.615 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

21.615 ARMORY BOARD; POWERS AND DUTIES; PURPOSES AND USES OF ARMORY. (1) (a) There is created the Wisconsin state armory board which is hereby made a body politic and corporate to consist of 5 members. The adjutant general, the chief quartermaster, and the state engineer shall at all times be ex officio members of the board. The remaining 2 members shall be appointed by the governor from the active list of officers of the Wisconsin national guard or its successor, and any vacancy arising among the 2 members appointed by the governor shall be filled by appointment by the governor in like manner. The adjutant general of Wisconsin shall be chairman of the board. The board shall elect from its own membership a secretary and a treasurer and the board may change such officers from time to time.

(b) The board shall act by resolution adopted at a meeting thereof called and held in accordance with such by-laws or rules and regulations as the board may adopt for the regulation of the conduct of the affairs thereof. Three members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting which has been duly called and convened, in accordance with the by-laws or rules and regulations of the board, and any action taken by 3 members of the board at any such meeting shall be deemed to be the action of the board for all purposes. The members of the board shall serve without compensation.

(2) It shall be the object, purpose and duty of the board to construct or acquire armory buildings suitable for use by the Wisconsin national guard and the board shall possess all powers necessary and convenient for the accomplishment of such object, purpose and duty, including, but without being limited thereto, the following express powers:

(a) To sue and be sued;

(b) To enter into contracts in connection with any matter within the objects, purposes or duties of the board;

- (c) To have and use a corporate seal;
- (d) To employ and pay such agents, employes and counsel as may be necessary to carry out the objects, purposes and duties of the board;
- (e) To adopt and from time to time to change or amend all necessary by-laws, rules and regulations for the conduct of the business and affairs of the board;
- (f) To accept gifts of money, services and property of any and every description from the federal government or any agency or instrumentality thereof or from any political subdivision of the state; to acquire by purchase property of any and every description, both real and personal; and to convey any such property, whether acquired by gift or purchase, and to pledge the rents, issues and profits thereof;
- (g) To acquire building sites and buildings and equipment suitable for armory purposes by gift or purchase; to acquire building sites by gift or purchase and to construct and equip buildings thereon; to hold, use and convey all such building sites and buildings, together with appurtenances thereunto belonging, and all equipment located thereon, and to pledge the rents, issues and profits of all such property;
- (h) To borrow money and to issue and sell bonds, debentures, or other evidences of indebtedness for the purpose of acquiring building sites and buildings and for the purpose of constructing and equipping buildings; such bonds, debentures or other evidences of indebtedness to be payable solely, both principal and interest, from any and all rents, issues and profits from any sources of all property acquired or constructed by the said board; and to pledge any and all property, and the income therefrom, to secure the payment of and to redeem such bonds;
- (i) To execute and deliver leases demising and leasing to the state of Wisconsin (and so long as the prescribed rent shall be paid by the state of Wisconsin, it shall have priority of possession over all other leases executed by the state of Wisconsin armory board to other public or private bodies for any purposes) for such lawful terms as may be determined by the board any building or buildings and the equipment therein, and the site or sites therefor, to be used for armory and other purposes, and to renew such leases from time to time for additional lawful terms, provided, however, that if, at any time, the state of Wisconsin shall fail or refuse to pay the rental reserved in any such lease

or shall fail or refuse to lease any such building and site, or to renew any existing lease thereon at the rental herein provided to be paid, then the board shall have the power to lease such building and the equipment and site therefor to any person or entity and upon such terms as the board may determine.

(3) If the state of Wisconsin shall lease any such property, the annual rental (which may be made payable in such instalments as the board shall determine) to be charged the state of Wisconsin for the use of property leased to it by the board as herein provided shall be sufficient to provide for the operation and maintenance of the property so leased, to pay the interest on the bonds, debentures or other evidences of indebtedness issued by the board for the purpose of acquiring, constructing or equipping such property, and to provide for the retirement of such bonds, debentures or other evidences of indebtedness at or before their maturity and the payment of the expenses incident to the issuance thereof. The board in determining what shall constitute a sufficient rental charge for any and all armories leased by the state of Wisconsin shall take into account all other income, rentals, and profits received from any other source.

(4) As and when all of the property acquired or constructed by the board shall be fully paid for and all bonds, debentures or other evidences of indebtedness and obligations of the board issued or incurred in connection with the acquisition or construction of such property have been fully paid, both as to principal and interest, the board shall donate, transfer and convey all such property to the state of Wisconsin by appropriate instruments of transfer and conveyance. So long as any property of any kind or character shall be owned by the board such property, together with the rents, issues and profits thereof, shall be exempt from taxation, both general and special, by the state of Wisconsin or by any municipal corporation, county or other political subdivision or taxing body in the state.

(5) The board shall cause to be kept accurate minutes of its meetings and accurate records and books of account in conformity with approved methods of bookkeeping, clearly reflecting the income and disbursements of the board and all transactions in relation to its property. In the execution and administration of each and every of the objects and purposes herein set forth, the board shall have the power to adopt means and methods reasonably calculated to accomplish such objects and purposes and this

section shall be construed liberally in order to effectuate such objects and purposes.

(6) If any part or parts of this section shall be held to be unconstitutional, such unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this section; and in such case this section shall be read as if such unconstitutional parts thereof had not been inserted therein.

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CHAPTER 272.

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 41.21 (2) and 41.60 of the statutes, relating to state aid for vocational and adult education.

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

SECTION 1. 41.21 (2) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

41.21 (2) (a) On July 1 of each year the governing body of a school maintaining part-time instruction in agriculture in accordance with section 41.60 shall report to the state board of vocational and adult education in such form as the said board may require, the facts relating to the cost of maintaining such part-time instruction during the preceding school year, and the character of the work done, the number and names of teachers employed, the length of time such instruction was maintained, and such other facts as may be required.

(b) If it shall appear from such report that such classes have been maintained pursuant to law and in a manner satisfactory to the state board of vocational and adult education and in conformity with the state plan as accepted by the United States Office of Education, the state board of vocational and adult education shall certify to the secretary of state in favor of the several municipalities, including school districts, maintaining such schools an amount equal to one-third of the sums expended by each, respectively, for the wages of duly qualified and approved teachers therein during the school year. Upon receipt of such certificate, the secretary of state shall draw warrants upon the state treasurer accordingly, payable to the treasurers of such municipalities, including school districts.