

CHAPTER 178.

AN ACT to repeal 15.22 (3); to renumber 15.22 (2), (6), (7), (5), (8), (9) and (10) to be (3), (2), (5), (6), (10), (11) and (12) respectively; to create 15.22 (7), (8) and (9); and to amend 15.08, 15.22 (3) as renumbered and 14.72 of the statutes, relating to the department of state audit.

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

SECTION 1. 14.72 of the statutes is amended to read:

14.72 There is constituted an emergency board to be composed of the governor, who shall be the chairman of the board, the chairman of the senate finance committee and the chairman of the assembly finance committee. *In case of a vacancy in either chairmanship of the finance committee, due to death, resignation, disability or other cause occurring during the interim of the legislature, the next ranking member of the finance committee according to order of appointment shall serve as a member of the board until such vacancy is filled by the legislature.* The legislative members shall be paid a per diem of \$10 for each day actually devoted to the discharge of the duties of the board or of any special duties performed at the request of the governor, except while the legislature is in session, and shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary expenses, from the appropriation made in section 20.74. Regular meetings shall be held quarterly, except during quarters in which no requests for allotments are filed with the governor, and special meetings shall be held upon call of the governor. The board may employ such assistants as it may deem necessary and fix their compensation, on the same basis as employes of the executive department. *The director of budget and accounts shall serve ex officio as secretary of the board. The state auditor shall attend such meetings of the board as the board may request.*

SECTION 1a. 15.08 of the statutes is amended to read:

15.08 After the filing of such compilation, the governor-elect shall hold public hearings upon the requests of the several departments, at which the heads of those departments and any interested citizen may be heard in relation to any matters referred to in the departmental estimates. The director of budget and accounts shall arrange a schedule of the time and place of such hearings, to suit the convenience of the governor-elect, and shall give notice thereof to the interested departments and also to the public through the press. The director of budget and accounts *and the state auditor* shall attend all such hearings and shall give such advice and assistance to the governor-elect in the conduct of such hearings as he may desire.

SECTION 2. 15.22 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 3. 15.22 (6), (2), (7), (5), (8), (9) and (10) of the statutes are renumbered respectively 15.22 (2), (3), (5), (6), (10), (11) and (12).

SECTION 4. 15.22 (3) of the statutes as renumbered is amended to read:

15.22 (3) * * * *Audit the records of the various state departments at least once in each biennium and, in conjunction therewith, reconcile the records of the department audited with those of the department of budget and accounts.* Within 30 days after completion of any such audit, he shall file with the governor, the department of budget and accounts, the legislative reference library, and the department audited, a detailed report thereof, including his recommendations for improvement and efficiency and including specific instances, if any, of illegal or improper expenditures. Such reports shall be available to the public.

SECTION 5. 15.22 (7), (8) and (9) of the statutes are created to read:

15.22 (7) REQUIRE REPORTS. Require each department of state government to file with him on or before September 1 of each year a report on all receivables due the state as of the preceding June 30 which were occasioned by activities of the reporting department. Said report shall show the aggregate amount of such receivables according to fiscal year of origin and collections thereon during the fiscal year preceding the report. The state auditor may require any department to file with him a detailed list of the receivables comprising the aggregate amounts shown on the above indicated reports.

(8) ATTEND FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARINGS. Attend all public hearings of the joint committee on finance and such executive meetings as the committee may desire, answer questions and give information called for by the committee relative to the financial operations of the state and its several departments.

(9) STATEMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS. Prepare a statement of recommendations submitted in each audit report pertaining to state government operations, which statement shall be available to any person upon request.

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