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**CHAPTER 570.**

AN ACT to amend 20.491 (1); to create 20.016 of the statutes; and to direct the joint legislative council to make a study relating to highway problems, transferring funds, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. A periodic reclassification of the state's entire highway plant is desirable. Although portions of Wisconsin's roadway network have been reclassified over the years, no complete analysis has ever been attempted. Changes in land use and development shifts in the distribution of population, changes in methods of transportation and many other factors cause changes in traffic patterns which necessitate regrouping of road and street systems. The need for complete revision of present highway classification is underlined by the fact that changes have been made in existing road systems, as a means of providing financial relief for various levels of government, without regard to the principle of functional reclassification.

SECTION 2. The joint legislative council is directed to conduct a study of the highway system of Wisconsin and to develop such data and information as will enable the legislature to reclassify all highways in the state into an integrated and balanced system, in order to provide maximum transportation service at minimum commensurate cost. Such data and information shall be developed as will enable the legislature to:

- (a) Classify all roads according to predominant purpose of use,
- (b) Bring together in a single system those roads and streets which by nature and use can best be administered by a single or the same level of government,
- (c) Facilitate an equitable distribution of highway costs, and
- (d) Establish a long-range development program for each group of highways,
- (e) And shall include a study of such other highway problems as may in the opinion of the legislative council require an examination.

SECTION 3. An advisory committee on highways shall be appointed to direct a study of such reclassification. This committee shall consist of 3 senators and 5 assemblymen to be appointed as are standing committees in their respective houses and 3 citizens at large, with a knowledge of and interest in all highway problems, selected by the council.

SECTION 4. 20.016 of the statutes is created to read:

20.016 HIGHWAY PROBLEMS STUDY. (1) There is appropriated from the state highway fund annually for the years beginning July 1, 1949 and July 1, 1950, \$15,000 to the joint legislative council for the conduct of a study of highway problems and preparation of a reclassification of all Wisconsin highways.

(2) Payments from this appropriation for reimbursement of expenses and compensation for services shall be made only to persons not on the state highway commission pay roll. The personnel of the state highway commission shall when requested fully cooperate with and assist the council and the advisory committee in and about making such study and reclassification.

(3) Payments from the appropriation made by this section shall be by voucher signed by the chairman and secretary of the council.

SECTION 5. 20.491 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.491 (1) Payments made from such fund, except from appropriations made by sections 20.016 (1), 20.052, 20.091, and 20.511, shall be made only on the order of the state highway commission, from which order the director of budget and accounts shall draw his warrant in favor of the payee and charge the same to the state highway fund.

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