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**CHAPTER 566.**

AN ACT to create 23.27 of the statutes, relating to a state board for preservation of scientific areas.

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

23.27 of the statutes is created to read:

23.27 STATE BOARD FOR PRESERVATION OF SCIENTIFIC AREAS. (1)

There is created a state board for the preservation of scientific areas, hereinafter called the board, whose purpose shall be to formulate policies for the preservation, selection, acquisition and management of areas necessary for scientific research, the teaching of conservation and natural history, and for the preservation of rare or valuable plant and animal species and communities.

(2) The board shall consist of one representative of each of the following:

- (a) The conservation commission, to be appointed by the commission.
- (b) The university of Wisconsin, to be appointed by the board of regents.
- (c) The state teachers colleges, to be appointed by the board of normal school regents.
- (d) The department of public instruction, to be appointed by the superintendent.
- (e) The Milwaukee public museum, to be appointed by the board of directors thereof.
- (f) The private colleges of the state, to be appointed by the council of the Wisconsin academy of sciences, arts and letters, for a 2-year term.

(3) The representative of the conservation commission shall be the secretary and executive officer of the board, and the conservation department shall be its administrative agent. The executive officer shall call the first meeting of the board at the state capitol without delay, and the board shall select a chairman from the membership. Meetings may be called on request of any 2 members and may be held as often as necessary but not less than once a year. Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

(4) The members of the board shall receive no salary as such members. Members of the board representing state agencies shall be reimbursed their actual and necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in attendance upon meetings of the board or while in the performance of their duties as such members by the agency which they represent. The secretary of the board shall be responsible for preparing and editing the minutes of the meeting of the board. The conservation department or any other state department mentioned in subsection (2) shall, if so requested by the board, provide stenographic and clerical services for the preparation of the minutes and reports of the board.

(5) It shall be the duty of the board and it shall have power and authority to:

- (a) Determine the acceptance or rejection of areas of special scientific interest that may be offered as a donation by individuals or organizations for preservation.
- (b) Make recommendations to appropriate federal agencies or national scientific organizations of areas in the state that are considered worthy to be listed as scientific areas of national importance.

(c) Advise the conservation department and other agencies on matters pertaining to the acquisition, development, utilization and maintenance of scientific areas, including determinations as the extent of multiple use that may be allowed on approved scientific areas that are a part of a state park, state forest, public hunting ground or similar property of the commission.

(d) Prepare and publish an official state list of scientific areas available for research and the teaching of conservation and natural history, and recommend publication of studies made in connection with these areas.

(e) Co-operate with federal agencies, other states, counties, or organizations concerned with similar purposes.

(f) Take such other action as may be deemed advisable to facilitate the administration, development, maintenance or protection of the scientific area system or any part or parts thereof.

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