

CHAPTER 271

AN ACT to create subchapter IIIA of chapter 15 (title), 15.535, 15.536, 20.005 (1) (b) (lines 155a. to d.) and 20.02 (9) of the statutes, relating to the division of industrial development and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. A subchapter is added to chapter 15 of the statutes to be numbered and entitled:

SUBCHAPTER IIIA**DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

SECTION 2. 15.535 and 15.536 of the statutes are created to read:

15.535 DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. (1) CREATION. There is created a division of industrial development in the executive department in charge of a director.

(2) DIRECTOR. The director shall be appointed by the governor for an indeterminate term and shall be paid a salary at an annual rate as fixed by the governor. The governor shall fill any vacancy created in the office of director and may remove such director at pleasure.

(3) EMPLOYES. The director shall, with the consent of the governor, employ such assistants as are necessary to execute his functions and fix their compensation.

(4) CIVIL SERVICE EXEMPTION. The director and all employes under him shall be exempt from ch. 16.

(5) ADVISORY COMMITTEE. To aid and advise the director in the performance of his functions as specified in s. 15.536 there is created an advisory committee consisting of 2 senators and 2 assemblymen, appointed as are standing committees, and 11 other members representing such interested organizations and groups as industry, agriculture, small business, labor, banking and finance, the university of Wisconsin, railroads and public utilities, to be appointed by the governor. All terms shall be for 2 years beginning May 1 of odd years and shall continue until the successors are appointed and qualified. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. If a legislative member of the committee ceases to be a legislator, his membership on the committee also terminates. The committee shall receive reports periodically from the division and shall meet at least semiannually to advise, guide, and establish the policies of the division. The committee shall meet at the direction of the governor or upon written request from any 3 members. Members of the advisory committee shall receive no compensation but shall receive their actual and necessary expenses while engaged in the performance of their official duties.

15.536 FUNCTIONS OF DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. Under the supervision of the director and guidance of the advisory committee the division shall formulate and direct a program of industrial development for the state. Through research and promotion the division shall foster the most desirable growth and diversification of agriculture and industry in the state. It shall serve as the central co-ordinating agency and clearinghouse for activities and information concerning the economy of the state. It shall have no regulatory power whatever in respect to the activities of private persons, but its functions shall be solely of an advis-

ory, informational, co-ordinative and promotional nature. The division shall have the following duties:

(1) AID PLANT LOCATION. (a) To gather and maintain information on available plant locations throughout the state;

(b) To process requests received by state agencies on information pertaining to industrial location;

(c) To co-ordinate the activities of and give assistance to state and local organizations including local development corporations, county industrial committees, chambers of commerce, labor organizations, and similar agencies interested in obtaining new industrial plants or commercial enterprises;

(d) To act as the state's official liaison agency between persons interested in locating business firms in Wisconsin, and state and local groups seeking new business. In such capacity, the division shall maintain the confidential nature of the negotiations it conducts as requested by the persons contemplating location in this state.

(2) BUSINESS SERVICE. (a) To make recommendations to the governor for the purpose of guiding and accomplishing a co-ordinated and economically efficient development of the state. The division shall encourage and co-ordinate research on such subjects as labor, transportation, markets, power, state regulations affecting business, taxes and other factors influencing industrial development. In respect to this activity the division shall, at the direction of the governor, utilize and co-ordinate the research facilities of state departments and institutions;

(b) To provide advice and assistance to Wisconsin business and labor and bring to the attention of the governor those significant problems which may be relieved by state action.

(3) PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT. (a) To collect and disseminate information regarding the advantages of developing new business in the state;

(b) To aid local communities in organizing for and obtaining new business to locate therein.

(4) OTHER FUNCTIONS. To perform such other functions as the advisory committee may direct to aid in the industrial development of the state.

(5) REPORT. To submit an annual report to the governor and the legislature on the activities, growth, progress, problems and costs of the various programs of the division, and such other reports as the advisory committee may direct.

SECTION 3. 20.005 (1) (b) (lines 155a. to d.) of the statutes are created to read:

20.005 (1) (b)		
155a. Division of Industrial Development (9) -----	(\$28,880)	(\$41,460)
155b. Personal services -----	\$23,580	\$36,160
155c. Materials and expense -----	4,800	4,800
155d. Capital outlay -----	500	500

SECTION 4. 20.02 (9) of the statutes is created to read:

20.02 (9) DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. On July 1, 1955, \$28,880 and on July 1, 1956, \$41,460 for the execution of the functions under ss. 15.535 and 15.536. Of this appropriation there is allotted for the following purposes:

	1955-1956	1956-1957
Personal services -----	\$23,580	\$36,160
Materials and expense -----	4,800	4,800
Capital outlay -----	500	500

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