

CHAPTER 230

AN ACT to create 13.38 and 20.530 (25) of the statutes, relating to the creation of the committee to investigate the publication and distribution of obscene literature in Wisconsin and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 13.38 of the statutes is created to read:

13.38 COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE PUBLICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF OBSCENE LITERATURE IN WISCONSIN. There is hereby created a joint legislative investigative committee composed of 3 senators and 3 assemblymen, at least one of whom shall be from each political party in each house, appointed as are standing committees in their respective houses for the purpose of making a thorough investigation of the allegation that obscene literature is being published and distributed in this state and to consider the possibility of defects in our laws which permit such publication and distribution.

(1) The committee is granted investigative powers and may conduct such investigation as it deems necessary and advisable relating to the publication and distribution of obscene literature. It may conduct public hearings at such places and times within the state as it deems advisable; summon, swear and examine witnesses and compel their attendance; and may require the production of records, documents and papers; all as provided in ss. 13.25 to 13.30. Subpoenas shall be signed by the speaker or president pro tempore and the chief clerk of either house.

(2) The committee may select such investigative, research and clerical staff as is required.

(3) The committee shall, if it deems it advisable, exchange information with investigative staffs of other states concerned with the same problem.

(4) The committee shall provide the legislature with a written report of its activities on or before January 1, 1965.

SECTION 2. 20.530 (25) of the statutes is created to read:

20.530 (25) INVESTIGATIONS OF OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS. A sum sufficient, not to exceed \$3,000, to conduct the investigation proposed by s. 13.38.

SECTION 3. This bill is declared to be an emergency appropriation measure in accordance with section 16.47 (2) of the statutes.

Vetoed July 18, 1963; Passed over veto August 2, 1963.