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CHAPTER 311

AN ACT to amend 30.30 (6) ; and to create 66.45 of the statutes, relating to municipal co-operation with the federal government in rivers, harbors or water resources projects.

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

SECTION 1. 30.30 (6) of the statutes is amended to read:

30.30 (6) Prepare the necessary plats and otherwise cooperate with the federal government when it indicates its intention to aid in the improvement of any harbor over which the municipality has jurisdiction, *including the authority granted by s. 66.45*. If the municipality has established a board of harbor commissioners, such board shall have charge of the preparation of the plats and other necessary co-operation. The title to any lands acquired for the purpose of such harbor improvement may be transferred to the U.S. government for use in improving the harbor of the municipality.

SECTION 2. 66.45 of the statutes is created to read:

66.45 MUNICIPAL CO-OPERATION; FEDERAL RIVERS, HARBORS OR WATER RESOURCES PROJECTS. Any county, town, city or village acting under its powers and in conformity with state law may enter into an agreement with an agency of the federal government to co-operate in the construction, operation or maintenance of any federally authorized rivers, harbors or water resources management or control project or to assume any potential liability appurtenant to such a project and may do all things necessary to consummate the agreement. If such a project will affect more than one municipality, the municipalities affected may jointly enter into such an agreement with an agency of the federal government carrying such terms and provisions concerning the division of costs and responsibilities as may be mutually agreed upon. The municipalities concerned may

by agreement submit any determinations of the division of construction costs, responsibilities, or any other liabilities among them to an arbitration board. The determination of such a board shall be final. This section shall not be construed as a grant or delegation of power or authority to any county, town, city, village or other local municipality to do any work in or place any structures in or on any navigable water except as it is otherwise expressly authorized by state law to do.

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