

CHAPTER 265

AN ACT to create a temporary reorganization commission empowered to introduce legislation.

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

SECTION 1. COMMISSION. In order to effect the functional reorganization of the administrative branch of Wisconsin state government there is created a temporary commission on the reorganization of the administrative branch empowered to introduce bills in either house of this legislature.

SECTION 2. TERM; MEETINGS. The commission shall organize within 10 days from the effective date of this act (1965), hold meetings at the call of the chairman, or at the written request of 5 members, and shall complete its work no later than October 1, 1966.

SECTION 3. MEMBERS; OFFICERS. The governor shall select one member of his staff to serve as his personal representative on the commission. The commissioner of administration shall be a member of the commission, and he shall furnish a member of his staff to serve as the commission's nonvoting secretary. The governor shall designate one of the members as chairman. The commission shall select a vice chairman from among its membership. Three members of the commission shall be senators, one of whom shall be a member of the minority party, appointed as are standing committees, 3 shall be assemblymen appointed by the speaker, 2 shall be assemblymen appointed by the assembly minority leader, and 8 shall be public members appointed by the governor.

SECTION 4. COMPENSATION. All members shall serve on the commission without compensation for such services, but the public members appointed by the governor, and the legislative members for days when the legislature does not meet, shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as commissioners. Any payments to public members under this section shall be from the governor's contingency fund.

SECTION 5. STAFF SERVICES. The legislative budget staff and the department of administration shall furnish such part-time temporary staff, and perform such services, as are required by the commission.

SECTION 6. INVESTIGATIVE POWERS; CO-OPERATION. The commission shall hold public hearings on all proposed legislation for reorganization of the administrative branch and for this purpose has the investigative powers enumerated in section 325.01 (4) of the statutes. The heads of all departments, boards, councils, committees and commissions in the administrative branch, and the heads of the various divisions, sections and departments thereunder, are instructed to extend their full and unlimited co-operation to the temporary commission on the reorganization of the administrative branch.

SECTION 7. REORGANIZATION BILLS. Each bill to carry out a recommendation of the temporary commission on the reorganization of the administrative branch shall be prepared in writing, may be introduced in either or both houses of the legislature at the option of the com-

mission and shall state the full particulars of the proposal including a reasonable time limit after passage and publication within which the reorganization is to be put into effect.

SECTION 8. REPORT TO 1967 LEGISLATURE. At its option the temporary commission on the reorganization of the administrative branch may report its recommendations to the 1967 legislature pursuant to the procedure established by SECTION 7.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTATION OF REORGANIZATION BILLS. Each reorganization bill enacted into law shall, within the time limit established in the act, tolled from the date of its publication in the official state paper as a session law, be implemented by the departments, boards, councils, committees and commissions affected thereby. Any state officer or employe who fails to comply with the reorganization provisions of such law within the prescribed period shall appear before the commission and show cause why he should not be subject to the disciplinary provisions of sections 17.07 and 17.16 of the statutes.

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