

be made by formal contract from the lowest responsible bidder, unless the common council shall, by a two-thirds vote of the members elect, authorize such purchases without the intervention of a formal contract. The central board of purchases shall have power to let contracts in excess of funds available provided that each contract shall state in substance that its continuance beyond the limits of funds already available shall be contingent upon the appropriation of funds by the proper city officials. All contracts shall run to the city of Milwaukee and shall be countersigned by the comptroller, who shall state thereon whether or not funds are available to make payment in full for the amount of the contract and to what extent the continuance of the contract is contingent upon the appropriation of additional funds, by proper city officials. The central board of purchases shall have power to require of bidders and contractors such sureties as in their judgment are advisable and shall have power to decide as to the responsibility and competency of such bidders and sureties.

7. The central board of purchases shall have power and authority to call upon any officer, board or commission to furnish information or otherwise assist them in the performance of their duties and it shall be the duty of any such officer, board or commission to furnish such information or assistance as shall be within the scope of such officer, board or commission.

SECTION 2. All acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 298

AN ACT to create subsection 3 of section 1421—17, and to amend subsection 1 of section 1421—20, relating to district tuberculosis hospitals, and to amend subsection 2 of section 1421—11, of the statutes, relating to county sanatorium boards.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. A new subsection is added to section 1421—17 of the statutes to read: (Section 1421—17) 3. The board of supervisors of any county is authorized to levy taxes, borrow money, or issue bonds to raise a sufficient amount of money, to cover such county's share of the cost of procuring a site, construct-

ing the building or shack, equipping the institution, and for the maintenance thereof.

SECTION 2. Subsection 1 of section 1421—20, and subsection 2 of section 1421—11 of the statutes are amended to read: (Section 1421—20) 1. Such trustees \* \* \* shall receive their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties *and may receive the same compensation for their services as is allowed members of the county board.* The trustees shall appoint as superintendent of such institution a graduate trained nurse \* \* \* or a regular licensed physician. *In case a graduate trained nurse is appointed as superintendent, the trustees shall also appoint a visiting physician and may also appoint a business manager, other than the superintendent. The trustees shall fix the compensation of the superintendent, and also of the visiting physician and business manager, if any, and* \* \* \* shall designate the number of employes of such institution and fix their compensation. The employes shall be selected by the superintendent, subject to the confirmation of the board of trustees. \* \* \* *The board of trustees shall appoint one of their members as president and the superintendent of the hospital may be the secretary of the board. The county treasurer of the county in which such institution is located shall be the treasurer of such institution and shall receive all moneys paid for the maintenance of the inmates of such institution and shall disburse all moneys to be paid on account of such institution, such disbursement to be made upon the order of the trustees. The warrants for such disbursements to be drawn on the treasurer by the president and secretary.*

(Section 1421—11) 2. Such trustees \* \* \* shall receive their actual expenses in the performance of their duties *and may receive the same compensation for their services as is allowed members of the county board.* The trustees shall appoint in all counties, except those counties having a population of over three hundred thousand, as superintendent of such institution a graduate trained nurse, \* \* \* or a regular licensed physician. *In case a graduate trained nurse is appointed, the trustees shall also appoint a visiting physician, \* \* \* and may also appoint a business manager, other than the superintendent. The trustees shall fix the compensation of the superintendent and visiting physician and business manager, if any; and shall designate the number of employes of such institution, and fix their compensation.* In counties having a population of more than three hundred thousand the trustees shall appoint a medical superintendent and fix his compensation. The trustees shall

designate the number of employes of such institution and fix the compensation of such employes. The employes shall be selected by the superintendent, subject to the confirmation of the board of trustees.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage and publication.

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## CHAPTER 299

AN ACT to amend section 113.08 and subsection (1) of section 113.13 of the statutes, relating to the Board of Circuit Judges and an interchange of work by the judges of the several circuits.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 113.08 and subsection (1) of section 113.13 of the statutes are amended to read: Section 113.08. (1) The several circuit judges of the state \* \* \* constitute a board \* \* \* known as the "Board of Circuit Judges." \* \* \* *They shall meet* at least once in each year \* \* \* at such time and place as they shall determine. They shall make such rules and regulations as they shall deem advisable, not inconsistent with the statutes or the rules of practice adopted by the justices of the supreme court, to promote the *due and prompt* administration of the judicial business of the circuit courts of the state. Said board shall elect a chairman \* \* \* *whose duty it shall be to expedite and equalize* so far as practicable the work of the \* \* \* circuit judges. \* \* \* *The chairman shall request judges whose calendars are not congested to assist those judges whose calendars are congested. Every circuit judge shall report monthly, and every clerk and reporter of a circuit court shall report when requested, to the chairman such information as the latter shall request respecting the condition of judicial business in the circuit of such circuit judge. The chairman shall perform such other duties as the board shall prescribe.*

(2) If said board shall determine that it is necessary to secure the services of a secretary, they shall have power to employ such secretary and fix his compensation, \* \* \* *as provided in section 20.67.*

(Section 113.13) (1) Any circuit judge may hold court and perform any judicial act in any judicial circuit of the state other than the one for which he was elected or appointed, upon