

joint tenant to which upon his death the surviving joint tenant succeeds shall be subject to such real estate mortgage, chattel mortgage, conditional sales contract, lien effected pursuant to the provisions of chapter 289 or other lien or charge. All judgments, certificates, or decrees of courts of competent jurisdiction heretofore entered terminating joint tenancies or assigning such property under a will or an administration of the estate of any such beneficiary shall be binding upon all interested parties 2 years after the passage and publication of this amendment unless within said 2-year period application is made to such court to set aside or modify such judgment, certificate, or decree.

SECTION 3. It is the intent of the legislature that the provisions inserted into section 49.26 (4) of the statutes by this act are separable and if any such provision shall be held unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the remainder of such provisions.

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### CHAPTER 550.

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 45.11 and 59.08 (23); to renumber 45.10 to be 45.10 (1); to amend 45.10 (1), as renumbered, 45.12, 45.14 and 45.15; and to create 45.10 (2), 45.13, 45.40 and 45.41 of the statutes, providing for a county veterans' service officer, a county veterans' service commission and a county veterans' coordinating council to co-ordinate within the county the activities of all agencies which perform functions in the interest of veterans.

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

SECTION 1. 45.10 of the statutes is renumbered 45.10 (1) and amended to read:

45.10 (1) \* \* \* Every county board \* \* \* shall annually levy, in addition to all other taxes, a tax sufficient to carry out the purposes of this section, such tax to be levied and collected as other county taxes for the purpose of providing \* \* \* aid to needy soldiers, sailors or marines, who performed honorable military or naval service for the United States in time of war, the \* \* \* needy wives, widows, minor and dependent children of such deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, and the \* \* \*

*needy* parents of such soldiers, sailors or marines entitled to \* \* \* *aid* under \* \* \* sections 45.10 to 45.19. \* \* \*

SECTION 2. 45.10 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

45.10 (2) The words "veteran," "soldier," "sailor," "marine" and "nurse" as used in this section and in sections 45.11, 45.12, 45.13, 45.14, 45.15, 45.40 and 45.41 shall apply with like force and effect to both male and female members of the army, navy, marine corps, coast guard and army and navy nurse corps.

SECTION 3. 45.11 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

45.11 ESTIMATE OF AMOUNT NEEDED. The county veterans' service commission shall estimate the probable amount required under section 45.10 and shall file such estimate with the county board prior to the adoption of the budget at the November session.

SECTION 4. 45.12 of the statutes is amended to read:

45.12 \* \* \* *COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION* \* \* \* (1) Every county judge shall on or before the second Monday in December \* \* \*, appoint 3 residents of the county, each of whom shall be an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine who performed military service for the United States in time of war, one of such appointees to serve 3 years, one to serve 2 years, and one to serve one year from the date of appointment, as the "*\* \* \* County Veterans' Service Commission*" of such county.

(2) Such commission shall be organized by the election of one of their number as chairman \* \* \*. \* \* \* Said judge after the expiration of the terms of those first appointed \* \* \* shall annually appoint one person as a member of such commission for the term of three years. He shall require the members of the commission, *together with the county veterans' service officer*, to execute to the county a joint and several bond, with sufficient sureties to be approved by him, in a sum equal to the tax levied in the current year for expenditure by the commission. \* \* \* *Each such bond* \* \* \* shall be filed with the county clerk.

SECTION 5. 45.13 of the statutes is created to read:

45.13 RECORDS OF MEETINGS AND INVESTIGATIONS KEPT BY SERVICE OFFICER. The county veterans' service

officer shall serve as executive secretary of the county veterans' service commission and all necessary investigations to determine eligibility for aid under section 45.10 shall be made by him or under his direction when so requested by the commission. The county service officer in making such investigation may use such facilities for investigating as shall be made available by the county board of such county.

SECTION 6. 45.14 of the statutes is amended to read:

45.14 COMMISSION, EXAMINATION, \* \* \* AID. Such commission shall meet at the office of the county clerk or at such other place in the courthouse as the county board shall designate on or before the first Monday of January in each year and at such other times as may be necessary \* \* \*. The commission may furnish \* \* \* aid to any person within section 45.10 \* \* \* if the right of such person to \* \* \* aid shall be established to their satisfaction. The secretary of the commission shall make and deposit with the county clerk a list containing the name, place of residence and the amount to be paid each such person \* \* \*, which shall be signed by the chairman and secretary \* \* \*. The total disbursements made by the commission shall not exceed the amount collected from the tax levied. When such lists are \* \* \* filed the county clerk shall issue an order upon the county treasurer for the sum designated therein in each case and deliver it to the person entitled thereto, \* \* \*. When the commission shall deem it best to furnish \* \* \* aid in a different manner than by supplying money the county clerk shall issue an order upon the county treasurer to the \* \* \* secretary of the commission for such sum as they may have determined upon, and the commission may furnish such supplies as it deems best. The commission shall make a detailed report to the county board at each annual session thereof showing the amount expended. \* \* \*

SECTION 7. 45.15 of the statutes is amended to read:

45.15 The county board shall allow the appointed members of the commission the same rate of compensation as is fixed by law for their own compensation and also the amount of their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, on the presentation of an itemized statement thereof \* \* \*. \* \* \*. In any county having a population of \* \* \* 500,000 or over \* \* \* the board may fix a salary for the appointed members of the commission, not exceeding \$600 per annum,

which shall be in full for all services and expenses, except disbursements for stationery and postage, and which shall be payable at the same time as other salaries are paid \* \* \* \* \*  
 The county board \* \* \* may provide for the employment of an assistant secretary of the \* \* \* county veterans' service commission, who shall be an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine of any war of the United States, \* \* \* and fix his compensation \* \* \*.

SECTION 8. 45.40 of the statutes is created to read:

45.40 COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER. (1) Election. The County Board shall elect a county veterans' service officer who shall be an honorably discharged veteran who served the United States in time of war.

(2) Term. Upon his first election the county veterans' service officer shall serve until the first Monday in January of the second year subsequent to the year of his election, and, if re-elected, it shall be for a term of two years.

(3) Salary. The salary of the county veterans' service officer shall be fixed by the county board prior to or at the time of his election and annually thereafter.

(4) In counties having a population of 500,000 or more such officer shall be appointed subject to sections 16.31 to 16.44.

(5) The county veterans' service officer shall advise with veterans of all wars residing in the county who were engaged in the service of the United States, relative to any complaint or problem arising out of war service and shall render to them and their dependents all possible assistance. The county board shall provide him with office space, clerical assistance and such other needs as will enable him to perform his duties and may appoint such assistant county service officers as are necessary, who shall be honorably discharged veterans who served the United States in time of war. The service officer shall make such reports as the board may require.

(6) The county veterans' service officer shall cooperate with the several federal and state agencies which render services or grant aids or benefits to veterans and their dependents.

SECTION 9. 45.41 of the statutes is created to read:

45.41 COUNTY VETERANS' CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL. (1) In each county the county veterans' service commission may appoint a county veterans' co-ordinating council, each council consisting of:

(a) The following ex officio officers or representatives so far as they are existent in the county:

Chairman of the county board.

County superintendent of schools.

Director of the county pension department.

County agricultural agent.

Secretary of the county veterans' service commission.

County representative of the United States employment service.

Director or directors of schools of vocational and adult education.

A representative of the rehabilitation division of the state board of vocational and adult education.

A representative of each selective service board to be designated by the board, except that in counties having a population of 500,000 or more not to exceed 5 representatives of all boards to be designated by the governor.

County chairman of the American Red Cross.

One member each of the veterans' organizations established by act of Congress, to be selected by the county board chairman from a panel of 5 persons submitted by the county headquarters of the respective organizations, and who shall be a resident of the county.

(b) The following appointive members:

Two representatives each of labor, industry and the public.

Such additional members not exceeding 5 as the commission may determine.

(2) The members of the co-ordinating council shall receive no compensation for services. The terms of appointed members shall be 2 years. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(3) The council shall meet at such times and at such places as it may determine or as the county veterans' service commission may request.

(4) The co-ordinating council shall advise with the county veterans' service commission relative to the co-ordination of activities of all agencies in the county which perform functions relating to hospitalization, medical treatment and care, granting of economic aid, re-employment placement and training, claims for compensation and insurance, educational or vocational rehabilitation of discharged war veterans and their dependents,

including women in affiliated services, to the end that benefits provided by federal, state and county governments may be made available to veterans and their dependents as promptly and effectively as possible.

SECTION 10. 59.08 (23) of the statutes is repealed and re-created to read:

59.08 (23) Appropriate funds for the execution of the duties of the county veterans' service officer under section 45.10, and for the execution of the duties of the county veterans' service commission under section 45.15.

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#### CHAPTER 551.

AN ACT to create 23.14 (7a) of the statutes, relating to payments for disabled conservation wardens.

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

23.14 (7a) of the statutes is created to read:

23.14 (7a) Any conservation warden leaving the state conservation warden service for any cause whatsoever prior to his eligibility for retirement under the provisions of section 23.14 shall receive from the conservation warden pension fund all amounts he has paid into the same. In the event any conservation warden becomes deceased prior to his eligibility for retirement under the provisions of section 23.14, all amounts he has paid into the conservation warden pension fund shall be paid to his heirs.

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