

CHAPTER 356

GENERAL CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION; LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

356.17 GENERAL CONTINGENT APPROPRIATION; TRANSFERS; LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

HISTORY. 1943 c. 594 s. 1.

Subdivision 1. APPROPRIATION; TRANSFERS. There is hereby authorized one general contingent appropriation for each year of the biennium in such amount as the legislature may deem sufficient. Transfers from such appropriation to the appropriations of the various departments and agencies may be made by the state auditor subject to the following provisions:

(a) Transfers may be authorized by the commissioner of administration not exceeding \$2,000 for the same purpose for any quarterly period;

(b) Transfers exceeding \$2,000 but not exceeding \$5,000 may be authorized by the commissioner of administration with the approval of the governor;

(c) Transfers exceeding \$5,000 may be authorized by the governor; provided, that no such transfer shall be made until the governor has consulted the legislative advisory committee hereinafter provided for and such committee has made its recommendation thereon. Such recommendation shall be advisory only. Failure or refusal of the committee to make a recommendation promptly shall be deemed a negative recommendation.

Subd. 2. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE; MEMBERS; DUTIES. The chairman of the senate committee on taxes and tax laws, the chairman of the senate committee on finance, the chairman of the house committee on taxes and tax laws, and the chairman of the house committee on appropriations shall constitute a committee to be known as the legislative advisory committee. The governor shall preside over the meetings of the committee but shall not be a member thereof. If any of the legislative members elect not to serve on the committee, the house of which they are members, if in session, shall select some other member for such vacancy. If the legislature is not in session, vacancies in the legislative membership of the committee shall be filled by the last speaker of the house or, if he be not available, by the last chairman of the house rules committee, in case of a house vacancy, and by the last senate committee on committees or other appointing authority designated by the senate rules in case of a senate vacancy. The commissioner of administration shall act as secretary of the committee and shall keep a permanent record and minutes of its proceedings, which shall be made available for examination upon request of any interested citizen. The commissioner of administration shall transmit a report to the next legislature of all actions of said committee. The members of the committee shall receive travelling and subsistence expenses in attending meetings of the committee. The sum of \$2,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby annually appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated for the traveling and subsistence expenses of members of the committee in attending meetings thereof and for the payment of stenographic services which if performed by a person in the classified service of the state shall be in addition to his regular salary. The committee shall meet from time to time upon the call of the governor or upon the call of the secretary at the request of three or more of its members.

Subd. 3. LIMITATIONS. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to prevent the appropriation of separate contingent funds to the governor and the attorney general, or to limit the use of said funds as otherwise authorized by law.

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NOTE: Laws 1939, c. 431, art. 2 s. 21 (clause b), created a legislative emergency committee. Laws 1941, c. 497, abolished the legislative emergency committee and created a legislative advisory committee. Section 5 of Chapter 497, reads as follows. "The powers and duties vested in and imposed upon the governor and the legislative advisory committee by sections 1, 2, and 3 of this section shall cease and be of no effect on and after January 1, 1943."

Laws 1943, c. 594, was entitled "An act relating to the organization and administration of state government, appropriating money therefor, and creating a legislative advisory committee;" and is codified as section 356.17.

Laws 1945, c. 609, s. 47, reads as follows:

	1946	1947
Sec. 47. GENERAL CONTINGENT FUND:		
1. General Contingent Fund	\$300,000	\$300,000

The above appropriation to be expended by the Governor after consultation with the Legislative Advisory Committee, as provided by law.

Laws 1947, c. 634, s. 46, reads as follows:

	1948	1949
Sec. 46. GENERAL CONTINGENT FUND:		
1. General Contingent Fund	\$225,000	\$225,000

The above appropriation to be expended by the Governor after consultation with the Legislative Advisory Committee, as provided by law.

2. There is hereby appropriated from the Income Tax School Fund the sum of \$75,000 for the year ending June 30, 1948, and the sum of \$75,000 for the year ending June 30, 1949, for the purpose of supplementing any requirements of the Department of Taxation, Division of Income Tax, for salaries, supplies and expense, to be administered by the Legislative Advisory Committee, as provided by law.

For the reasons hereinbefore set forth, sections 356.01 to 356.14, and 356.16 are obsolete.