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BRIEF NO. 110. VARIATIONS IN THE TITLES OF INDEPENDENT AGENCIES  
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NOTE: Although most of the major independent agencies of the state are described as departments, there are some significant agencies such as the Industrial Commission, the Public Service Commission, the Board of Health and the Adjutant General which do not conform to this practice, and most state agencies are not called departments. While many which deviate from the title of department are either commissions, boards or committees, there are more than a dozen which have a variety of titles.

While this is not earthshaking, it does make it difficult to determine at a glance if the agency is independent. Furthermore it makes it necessary for outsiders to go to some effort to determine the precise title of the agency.

The following list enumerates the various independent state agencies in various categories according to their titles.

## I. AGENCIES NAMED DEPARTMENTS.

Administration, Department of  
Agriculture, Department of  
Audit, Department of State  
Banking Department  
Conservation Department  
Exposition Department  
Highway Department  
Insurance Department  
Motor Vehicle Department  
Nurses, Department of  
Public Welfare, Department of  
Resource Development, Department of  
Savings and Loan Department  
Securities, Department of  
Taxation, Department of  
Veterans Affairs, Department of

## II. AGENCIES CALLED COMMISSIONS

Aeronautics Commission  
Aging, Commission on  
Athletic Commission  
Bar Commissioners, State  
Building Commission, State  
Civil War Centennial Commission  
Claims Commission  
Grain and Warehouse Commission  
Great Lakes Compact Commission  
Historical Markers Commission  
Human Rights, Governor's Commission on  
Industrial Commission  
Innocent Persons, Commission for Relief of  
Interstate Cooperation, Commission on  
Judgment Debtor Relief Commission

II. AGENCIES CALLED COMMISSIONS (Continued)

Library Commission, Free  
Public Lands, Commissioners of  
Public Service Commission  
Surplus Property Development Commission  
Turnpike Commission  
Uniform State Laws, Commission on  
Veterans Memorial Commission

III. AGENCIES NAMED BOARDS

Accountancy, Board of  
Architects and Professional Engineers, Registration Board of  
Armory Board  
Basic Sciences, Board of Examiners in  
Canvassers, Board of  
Chiropractic, Board of Examiners in  
Circuit Court Judges, Board of  
County Judges, Board of  
Criminal Court Judges, Board of  
Dental Examiners, Board of  
Employment Relations Board  
Geographic Board  
Government Operations, Board on  
Group Insurance Board  
Health, Board of  
Investment Board  
Juvenile Judges, Board of  
Medical Examiners, Board of  
Merit Award Board  
Optometry, Board of Examiners in  
Personnel Board  
Pharmacy, Board of  
Real Estate Brokers Board  
Scientific Areas, Board for the Preservation of  
Tax Appeals, Board of  
Teachers Retirement Board  
Veterinary Examiners, Board of  
Vocational and Adult Education, Board of  
Watchmaking, Board of Examiners in  
Water Regulatory Board

IV. AGENCIES NAMED COMMITTEES

Coordinating Committee for Higher Education  
Educational Advisory Committee, Governor's  
Medical Grievance Committee  
Mental Health Advisory Committee  
Mississippi Parkway Planning Committee  
Natural Resources Committee  
Official State Bond Committee  
Soil and Water Conservation Committee  
Water Pollution Committee

V. AGENCIES WITH MISCELLANEOUS NAMES

Adjutant General  
Civil Defense, Bureau of

V. AGENCIES WITH MISCELLANEOUS NAMES (Continued)

Court Administrator  
Crime Laboratory  
Historical Society of Wisconsin  
Hygiene, State Laboratory of  
Judicial Council  
Library, State  
Public Employees Social Security Fund  
Radio Council  
Retirement Fund  
Retirement Research Council  
Revisor of Statutes  
State Bar of Wisconsin  
State Colleges  
University of Wisconsin