

CHAPTER 477A

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID

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477A.01 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID.

Subdivision 1. The state shall make available for distribution \$64 for each person residing in the state for the calendar year 1980 and \$70 for calendar year 1981 to the several taxing authorities, except school districts, with authority to impose taxes on property located in the state. For purposes of this subdivision the number of persons residing in the state shall be the 1970 federal census population.

Subd. 2. Every county government except that of a county containing a city of the first class shall receive a distribution equal to the distribution it was entitled to receive in the preceding year pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 477A.01 plus an additional aid payment as follows: for 1980, the sum of \$1 for each person residing in the county according to the 1970 federal census and, for 1981, the sum of \$2 for each person residing in the county according to the 1970 federal census. The amount necessary to make the payments to the counties in excess of the amount of their 1979 local government aid payments shall be appropriated in addition to the amount required to be appropriated pursuant to subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1979 c 303 art 6 s 11]

Subd. 4. (a) The balance of the distributions in 1980 pursuant to subdivision 1, shall be divided among the several cities and towns in the state as provided herein:

(1) Funds shall be distributed to all cities and towns which are not subject to the levy limitations imposed pursuant to sections 275.50 to 275.56, with the distribution to be based on the average equalized mill rate of each city or town. For purposes of this clause, "average equalized mill rate" shall be defined as the sum of the 1979 mill rate of the city or town plus its 1978 mill rate plus its 1977 mill rate, multiplied by its 1978 aggregate sales ratio as determined by the commissioner of revenue, divided by three.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is ten or less, the city or town will receive a distribution equal to that which it received pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01 for 1979, plus, in the case of a city, the sum of \$1 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is greater than ten but less than or equal to 20, the city or town will receive a distribution equal to that which it received pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01 for 1979, plus the sum of \$3 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is greater than 20, the city or town will receive a distribution equal to that which it received pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, for 1979, plus the sum of \$5 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

(2) Funds shall be distributed to the city of Minneapolis in an amount equal to the amount distributed to that city for 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01.

(3) The funds remaining after distribution has been made pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be distributed according to the provisions of this paragraph among the cities and towns, other than the city of Minneapolis, which are subject to the levy limitations imposed pursuant to sections 275.50 to 275.56.

(i) For purposes of the 1980 distribution, the "local revenue base" of a city or town shall be the sum of its levy limitation for taxes levied in 1978 plus the amount of the distribution it received for 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, except that the "local revenue base" of a city of the first class located within the metropolitan area defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2 shall be the sum of its levy limitation for taxes levied in 1978, multiplied by .85, plus the amount of the distribution it received for 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01.

(ii) A preliminary state aid factor shall be established for each city and town by subtracting from the local revenue base, an amount equal to ten mills multiplied by the 1979 taxable valuation of the city or town, adjusted for the contributions and distributions required by chapter 473F in the case of a city or town located within the metropolitan area and less the captured value in any tax increment district, divided by its 1978 aggregate sales ratio as determined by the commissioner of revenue.

(iii) A final state aid factor shall be established for each city and town by adjusting the preliminary state aid factor to comply with the following restrictions:

The final state aid factor for a city or town shall be an amount which is equal to or greater than an amount computed pursuant to the following:

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is ten or less, the final state aid factor of the city or town shall be at least equal to the amount which the city or town received pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01 for 1979, plus the sum of \$1 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is greater than ten but less than or equal to 20, the final state aid factor of the city or town will be at least equal to the amount which the city or town received pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01 for 1979, plus the sum of \$3 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is greater than 20, the final state aid factor of the city or town will be at least equal to the amount which the city or town received pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, for 1979, plus the sum of \$5 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

The final state aid factor for any city or town shall not exceed the previous year's distribution under Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01 by more than the following percent: if a city received more than \$100 per capita in 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, using the population determined pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 275.53, 12 percent; if more than \$75 per capita but less than or equal to \$100 per capita, 15 percent; if more than \$50 per capita but less than or equal to \$75 per capita, 17 percent; or if less than or equal to \$50 per capita, 20 percent.

(iv) The amount of the distribution for which a city or a town is eligible under this paragraph shall be determined as follows: For each city or town, its final state aid factor increase shall be the difference between its final state aid factor determined pursuant to this paragraph and the amount of distribution which it received for 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01. The final state aid factor increase of each city or town shall be divided by the sum of the final state aid factor increases for all cities and towns receiving

distributions under this paragraph; that quotient shall be multiplied by the amount of the increase in funds available for distribution under this paragraph over the sum of the amounts distributed to those cities and towns for 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01. That product, plus the distribution the city or town received pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01 for 1979, shall equal the distribution to be distributed to the city or town for 1980.

(v) The final distribution made to each city or town pursuant to this paragraph shall be in an amount which is at least equal to the distribution received by that city or town for 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, but which does not exceed the amount of the city's or town's 1979 distribution by more than the following percent: if a city received more than \$100 per capita in 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, using the population determined pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 275.53, 12 percent; if more than \$75 per capita but less than or equal to \$100 per capita, 15 percent; if more than \$50 per capita but less than or equal to \$75 per capita, 17 percent; or if less than or equal to \$50 per capita, 20 percent.

(vi) If the amount distributed to a city or town by paragraph (iv) is limited by paragraph (v) the distribution to other cities and towns that receive aid under paragraph (3) shall be proportionately increased as necessary to absorb the difference. In no event shall a city's or town's distribution exceed the city's or town's 1979 distribution by more than the following percent: if a city received more than \$100 per capita in 1979 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 477A.01, using the population determined pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 275.53, 12 percent; if more than \$75 per capita but less than or equal to \$100 per capita, 15 percent; if more than \$50 per capita but less than or equal to \$75 per capita, 17 percent; or if less than or equal to \$50 per capita, 20 percent.

(b) The balance of the distributions in 1981 pursuant to subdivision 1 shall be divided among the several cities and towns in the state as provided herein:

(1) Funds shall be distributed to all cities and towns which are not subject to the levy limitations imposed pursuant to sections 275.50 to 275.56, with the distributions to be based on the average equalized mill rate of each city or town. For purposes of this clause, "average equalized mill rate" shall be defined as the sum of the 1980 mill rate of the city or town plus its 1979 mill rate plus its 1978 mill rate, multiplied by its 1979 aggregate sales ratio as determined by the commissioner of revenue, divided by three.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is ten or less, the city or town will receive a distribution equal to that which it received pursuant to clause (a) for 1980, plus, in the case of a city, the sum of \$1 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is greater than ten but less than or equal to 20, the city or town will receive a distribution equal to that which it received pursuant to clause (a) for 1980, plus the sum of \$4 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is greater than 20, the city or town will receive a distribution equal to that which it received pursuant to clause (a), for 1980, plus the sum of \$6 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

(2) The funds remaining after distribution has been made pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be distributed according to the provisions of this paragraph among the cities and towns which are subject to the levy limitations imposed pursuant to sections 275.50 to 275.56.

(i) For purposes of the 1981 distribution, the "local revenue base" of a city or town shall be its local revenue base computed according to clause (a) para-

graph (3) for purposes of the 1980 distribution, provided that, in the case of a city which received its 1980 aid distribution pursuant to clause (a), paragraph (2), a local revenue base shall be computed for it according to the provisions of clause (a), paragraph (3); these revenue bases shall be increased as follows:

The 1980 local revenue base will be multiplied by the percentage of increase from June, 1979, to June, 1980 in the revised consumer price index for all urban consumers for the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area prepared by the United States department of labor with 1967 as a base year. The product of that computation will be added to the 1980 local revenue base. The inflation-adjusted base shall also be increased by the percentage increase in the population of the city or town during the preceding year as determined according to section 275.53. After adjustment for population increase the inflation-adjusted local revenue base of each city and town shall also be increased by (1) the amount of its special levies levied in 1979 to pay the costs of principal and interest on bonded indebtedness incurred in 1979 or thereafter for the purpose of providing capital replacement for streets, curbs, gutters, storm sewers and bridges plus (2) any adjustments made to the levy limit base of the city or town pursuant to section 275.51, subdivision 3d for purposes of refuse collection and street maintenance; and (3) any adjustments made to the levy limit base of the city or town pursuant to section 275.52, subdivision 4, clause (d).

(ii) A preliminary state aid factor shall be established for each city and town by subtracting from the local revenue base, ten mills multiplied by the 1980 taxable valuation of the city or town adjusted for the contributions and distributions required by chapter 473F if applicable and less the captured value in any tax increment financing district divided by its 1979 sales ratio as determined by the commissioner of revenue.

(iii) A final state aid factor shall be established for each city and town by adjusting the preliminary state aid factor to comply with the following restrictions:

The final state aid factor for a city or town shall be an amount which is equal to or greater than an amount computed pursuant to the following:

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is ten or less, the final state aid factor of the city or town shall be at least equal to the amount which the city or town received pursuant to clause (a) for 1980, plus the sum of \$1 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is greater than ten but less than or equal to 20, the final state aid factor for the city or town shall be at least equal to the amount which the city or town received pursuant to clause (a) for 1980, plus the sum of \$4 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

If the average equalized mill rate of the city or town is greater than 20, the final state aid factor for the city or town shall be at least equal to the amount which the city or town received pursuant to clause (a) for 1980, plus the sum of \$6 multiplied by its population as determined under section 275.53.

The final state aid factor for any city or town shall not exceed the previous year's distribution under section 477A.01 by more than the following percent: if a city received more than \$100 per capita in 1980 pursuant to clause (a) of this subdivision using the population determined pursuant to section 275.53, 12 percent; if more than \$75 per capita but less than or equal to \$100 per capita, 15 percent; if more than \$50 per capita but less than or equal to \$75 per capita, 17 percent; or if less than or equal to \$50 per capita, 20 percent.

(iv) The amount of the distribution for which a city or town is eligible under this paragraph shall be determined as follows: For each city or town, its final state aid factor increase shall be the difference between its final state aid

factor determined pursuant to this paragraph and the amount of distribution which it received pursuant to clause (a). The final state aid factor increase of each city or town shall be divided by the sum of the final state aid factor increases for all cities and towns receiving distributions under this paragraph; that quotient shall be multiplied by the amount of the increase in funds available for distribution under this paragraph over the amount distributed under clause (a), paragraphs (2) and (3). That product, plus the distribution the city or town received pursuant to clause (a), shall equal the distribution to be distributed to the city or town for 1981.

(v) The final distribution made to each city or town pursuant to this paragraph shall be in an amount which is at least equal to the distribution received by that city or town for 1980 pursuant to clause (a), but which does not exceed the amount of the city's or town's 1980 distribution by more than the following percent: if a city received more than \$100 per capita in 1980 pursuant to clause (a) of this subdivision using the population determined pursuant to section 275.53, 12 percent; if more than \$75 per capita but less than or equal to \$100 per capita, 15 percent; if more than \$50 per capita but less than or equal to \$75 per capita, 17 percent; or if less than or equal to \$50 per capita, 20 percent.

(vi) If the amounts distributed to a city or town by paragraph (iv) is limited by paragraph (v) the distribution to other cities and towns who receive aid under paragraph (2) shall be proportionately increased as necessary to absorb the difference. In no event shall a city's or town's distribution exceed the city's or town's 1980 distribution by more than the following percent: if a city received more than \$100 per capita in 1980 pursuant to clause (a) of this subdivision using the population determined pursuant to section 275.53, 12 percent; if more than \$75 per capita but less than or equal to \$100 per capita, 15 percent; if more than \$50 per capita but less than or equal to \$75 per capita, 17 percent; or if less than or equal to \$50 per capita, 20 percent.

Subd. 4a. [Repealed, 1979 c 303 art 6 s 11]

Subd. 4b. The commissioner of revenue shall make all necessary calculations and make payments directly to the affected taxing authorities in four installments on March 15, July 15, September 15, and November 15 annually.

Subd. 4c. For the purpose of the distributions based on populations provided in subdivisions 1 and 4, cities and towns having boundary changes resulting from Minnesota municipal board orders shall have their population counts modified to reflect such changes. The modified population counts shall be included in all Minnesota municipal board orders, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the commissioner of revenue.

Subd. 4d. A taxing authority may object to the commissioner of revenue with respect to the amount of the distribution which it has been certified to receive pursuant to subdivision 4b. No objection raised after July 1, 1977 shall be raised later than 60 days after the taxing authority has received notice from the commissioner of the amount which it has been certified to receive.

Subd. 4e. If, due to an error in the factors used to calculate a taxing authority's aid pursuant to subdivision 4, the amount indicated in the certification of the commissioner to the taxing authority for a year is less than the amount to which it is entitled pursuant to this section, the commissioner of revenue shall additionally distribute the amount necessary to make the full correct distribution to the taxing authority. The additional distribution shall be paid from the general fund and shall not diminish the distributions made to other taxing authorities under this section.

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 1975 c 437 art 3 s 8]

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 1975 c 437 art 3 s 8]

- Subd. 7. [Repealed, 1975 c 437 art 3 s 8]
- Subd. 8. [Repealed, 1975 c 437 art 3 s 8]
- Subd. 9. [Repealed, 1975 c 437 art 3 s 8]
- Subd. 10. [Repealed, 1975 c 437 art 3 s 8]
- Subd. 11. [Repealed, 1975 c 437 art 3 s 8]
- Subd. 12. [Repealed, 1973 c 650 art 17 s 17]
- Subd. 13. [Repealed, 1975 c 437 art 3 s 8]
- Subd. 14. [Repealed, 1975 c 437 art 3 s 8]
- Subd. 15. [Repealed, 1973 c 650 art 17 s 17]
- Subd. 16. [Repealed, 1975 c 437 art 3 s 8]
- Subd. 17. [Repealed, 1975 c 437 art 3 s 8]

Subd. 18. No county, city, town or other taxing authority shall increase a present tax or impose a new tax on sales or income.

History: *Ex1971 c 31 art 21 s 1; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1973 c 582 s 3; 1973 c 650 art 17 s 1-15; 1975 c 437 art 3 s 1-6; 1977 c 423 art 6 s 4-11; 1979 c 303 art 6 s 1-3*

477A.02 MS 1978 [Expired]

477A.03 APPROPRIATION.

A sum sufficient to discharge the duties imposed by section 477A.01, subdivisions 1, 2 and 4e is annually appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue.

History: *1975 c 437 art 3 s 7; 1977 c 423 art 6 s 12; 1979 c 303 art 6 s 4*

477A.04 ASSESSMENT DISPERSION PENALTY.

Subdivision 1. To encourage the proper assessment of property an assessment dispersion penalty shall be imposed on assessment districts as provided in subdivision 2. Each city or town which employs a local assessor, either singly or jointly with other cities or towns, shall be considered an assessment district for purposes of this section. Any two or more cities or towns which enter into an agreement pursuant to section 471.59, for the assessment of property in the contracting units, shall for purposes of this section be a single assessment district. The balance of each county, including any city or town which contracts with the county for assessment of property therein, shall be deemed a single assessment district for purposes of this section.

The coefficient of dispersion shall be determined by the equalization aid review committee of the department of revenue. The coefficient of dispersion shall be determined on the assessor's market value before the limitation provided in section 273.11, subdivision 2. The population shall be the number of persons residing in the assessment district according to the 1970 federal census.

Subd. 2. Beginning in calendar year 1982 and subsequent years, an assessment district shall be penalized according to the following schedule:

(a) \$1 per capita if the coefficient of dispersion in assessments for the preceding year is more than ten percent but less than 12.5 percent;

(b) \$3 per capita if the coefficient of dispersion in assessments for the preceding year is at least 12.5 percent but no more than 15 percent;

(c) \$5 per capita if the coefficient of dispersion in assessments for the preceding year is greater than 15 percent.

Subd. 3. The amount of penalty resulting from this section shall be deducted from the local government aid payments provided in section 477A.01.

History: 1977 c 423 art 6 s 13; 1979 c 303 art 2 s 36

477A.11 NATURAL RESOURCES LANDS, PAYMENTS IN LIEU; DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. For the purpose of Laws 1979, Chapter 303, Article 8, Sections 1 to 5, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources.

Subd. 3. "Acquired natural resources land" means any land presently administered by the commissioner in which the state acquired by purchase, condemnation, or gift, a fee title interest in lands which were previously privately owned.

Subd. 4. "Other natural resources land" means any other land presently owned in fee title by the state and administered by the commissioner, or any tax-forfeited land, other than platted lots within a city, which is owned by the state and administered by the commissioner or by the county in which it is located.

History: 1979 c 303 art 8 s 1

477A.12 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS; LANDS ELIGIBLE; CERTIFICATION OF ACREAGE.

There is annually appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources from the general fund for payment to counties within the state an amount equal to \$3 multiplied by the number of acres of acquired natural resources land, 75 cents multiplied by the number of acres of county-administered other natural resources land, and 37.5 cents multiplied by the number of acres of commissioner-administered other natural resources land located in each county as of July 1 of each year. Lands for which payments in lieu are made pursuant to section 97.49, subdivision 7, and Laws 1973, Chapter 567, shall not be eligible for payments under this section. Each county auditor shall certify to the department of natural resources during July of each year the number of acres of county-administered other natural resources land within his county. The department of natural resources may, in addition to the certification of acreage, require descriptive lists of land so certified. The commissioner of natural resources shall determine and certify the number of acres of acquired natural resources land and commissioner-administered natural resources land within each county.

History: 1979 c 303 art 8 s 2

477A.13 TIME OF PAYMENT, DEDUCTIONS.

Payments to the counties shall be made from the general fund during the month of January of the year next following certification. There shall be deducted from amounts paid any amounts paid to a county or township during the preceding year pursuant to sections 84A.51, 89.036, 97.49, subdivision 3, and 272.68, subdivision 3 with respect to the lands certified pursuant to section 477A.12.

History: 1979 c 303 art 8 s 3

477A.14 USE OF FUNDS.

Forty percent of the total payment to the county shall be deposited in the county general revenue fund to be used to provide property tax levy reduction. The remainder shall be distributed by the county in the following priority:

(a) 37.5 cents for each acre of county-administered other natural resources land shall be deposited in a resource development fund to be created within the county treasury for use in resource development, forest management, game and fish habitat improvement, and recreational development and maintenance of

county-administered other natural resources land. Any county receiving less than \$5,000 annually for the resource development fund may elect to deposit that amount in the county general revenue fund;

(b) From the funds remaining, each organized township shall receive 30 cents per acre of acquired natural resources land and 7.5 cents per acre of other natural resources land located within its boundaries. Payments for natural resources lands not located in an organized township shall be deposited in the county general revenue fund. Payments to counties and townships pursuant to this paragraph shall be used to provide property tax levy reduction. Provided that, if the total payment to the county pursuant to section 477A.12 is not sufficient to fully fund the distribution provided for in this clause, the amount available shall be distributed to each township and the county general revenue fund on a pro rata basis; and

(c) Any remaining funds shall be deposited in the county general revenue fund. Provided that, if the distribution to the county general revenue fund exceeds \$35,000, the excess shall be used to provide property tax levy reduction.

History: 1979 c 303 art 8 s 4

477A.15 TACONITE AID REIMBURSEMENT.

Any school district in which is located property which had been entitled to a reduction of tax pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 273.135, Subdivision 2, Clause (c), shall receive in 1981 and subsequent years an amount equal to the amount it received in 1980 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1978, Section 298.28, Subdivision 1, Clause (3)(b). Payments shall be made pursuant to this section by the commissioner of revenue to the taxing jurisdictions on July 15 of 1981 and each year thereafter.

History: 1980 c 607 art 7 s 6