

CHAPTER 375

COUNTY BOARDS

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375.24 APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES IN CERTAIN UNORGANIZED TERRITORY.

In any county having no organized townships or in which a full and fractional unorganized township is more than 20 miles from the nearest town or municipality or county seat and is entirely separated from the town or municipality or county seat by water, the county board of the county may appoint one or more constables for the unorganized township. The constables shall have the same powers and duties as constables in towns in the county.

Before entering upon their duties, the constables shall give bond to the county in a penal sum as the county board determines. The bonds shall be otherwise conditioned as bonds for such officers in towns in the county. The bonds shall be approved by the county board and filed with the clerk of district court.

History: 1983 c 359 s 55

375.33 [Repealed, 1983 c 314 art 11 s 21]

375.335 REGIONAL PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEMS.

Subdivision 1. Establishment. Two or more counties or two or more cities located in two or more counties may, through action by their governing bodies under the provisions of section 471.59, establish and maintain a regional public library system, even though any one or more of the counties or cities may already have a library with a library board; provided that in any county or city already having a library board, the approval of the library board shall also be required. Cities having public libraries may join in the regional public library system by being parties to the agreement which establishes the regional public library system through action of their library boards and their city councils, or as provided in subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. Library board. The agreement establishing a regional public library system shall provide for a library board to govern the organization having all the powers and duties of city and county library boards as provided in sections 134.11, 134.12, and 134.13 and including exclusive determination of all library services to be provided under terms of the agreement as defined in section 134.30, subdivision 5, and exclusive control of the expenditure of all funds for the services. The regional library system board may consist of as many members as the contracting parties deem necessary, appointed in a number from among the residents of the contracting parties and for terms by each party to the contract as may be determined by the contracting parties, irrespective of the existence of one or more city and county library boards already in existence in the participating cities and counties. Not more than one member from each contracting party shall be a member of the governing body of a contracting party and no member may be appointed to serve more than three consecutive three-year terms. In the participating cities and counties, the portion of the proceeds of the city and county

library tax authorized by section 134.07, shall be used for the support of the regional public library system as the contracting agreement may provide.

Subd. 3. City participation. Where a regional public library system is established, any city located in any of the contracting counties which is excluded from the county tax supporting the regional public library system under the provisions of section 134.07, may, upon recommendation of its library board and upon action by its governing body, be included in the county tax and become an integral part of the regional public library system. Cities included in the county tax and with public libraries which are part of the regional public library system, whether or not governed by home rule charter provisions, upon action by their city council, may levy taxes for the additional support of their local library services. Any local public library board or governing body may, at its option, continue to control the local library fund or pay all or part thereof into the regional public library system fund, to be used for the increase or improvement of public library services in the city.

Subd. 4. Property. All property given, granted, conveyed, donated, devised or bequeathed to, or otherwise acquired by any regional library board or any regional public library system board however created shall vest in, and be held in the name of, the regional library board or regional public library system board. Any conveyance, grant, donation, devise, bequest, or gift made to, or in the name of, any regional library or public library system shall be deemed to have been made directly to the regional public library system board.

Subd. 5. Ratification. All property heretofore given, granted, conveyed, donated, devised, bequeathed to, or otherwise acquired by any regional library board or any regional public library system board however created is hereby validated, ratified and confirmed as the property of the board.

Subd. 6. Ratification. Any multicounty regional public library heretofore created, and the agreements creating them, are hereby validated, ratified, and confirmed and the benefits of subdivisions 1 to 5 shall hereafter apply to these libraries.

History: 1983 c 314 art 11 s 18

375.551 COUNTY EMERGENCY JOBS PROGRAM.

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the board of commissioners of a county experiencing chronic high unemployment may establish an emergency employment program to meet the needs of its economically disadvantaged, unemployed residents.

History: 1983 c 307 s 1

375.552 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. Application. For the purposes of sections 375.551 to 375.555, the following terms have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. Employment program. "Employment program" means a program offering job training programs or jobs through public works projects to economically disadvantaged, unemployed residents of a county.

Subd. 3. Economically disadvantaged, unemployed resident. "Economically disadvantaged, unemployed resident" means a person (a) who is not eligible for or who refuses to accept financial assistance pursuant to chapter 256, 256B, 256D, or 268; (b) whose income or household income is at or below 25 percent of the

statewide median household income as determined by the 1980 federal census; (c) who is a bona fide resident of the county; and (d) who is unemployed.

Subd. 4. **Wage.** "Wage" means the basic minimum wage pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 177.24.

Subd. 5. **Chronic high unemployment.** "Chronic high unemployment" means an unemployment rate as defined by the department of economic security in a county or portion of a county that exceeds the national unemployment rate for four consecutive months in the 12-month period immediately preceding September 1.

History: 1983 c 307 s 2

375.553 COUNTY EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.

The funds authorized in section 375.555 shall be expended by the county for job training programs or for jobs through public works projects submitted to the county by its departments and agencies and those of cities, towns, school districts, state and federal agencies, park reserve districts, and other special districts, including metropolitan agencies that are located totally or partially within the county. The funds shall be expended only for training programs or public works projects located within the county. The projects shall be beneficial to the submitting local unit and may include permanent improvements or maintenance of public property, residential weatherization programs, landscaping of public grounds or parks, planting or trimming trees, improving open space areas, playgrounds, and recreational facilities owned or operated by the sponsoring unit of government, and reclamation and reforestation. The sponsoring unit of government shall provide the administration, supervision, supplies, and materials for its training program or public works project. All funds available through the authority granted in section 375.555 shall be expended for wages and benefits for program participants except that up to two percent of the total amount shall be available to reimburse the county for its actual cost of administering the program.

History: 1983 c 307 s 3

375.554 PROGRAM RULES.

The county board of commissioners shall establish rules governing the operation of the employment program. Rules shall include but not be limited to number of hours worked, benefits, and methods and terms of payment.

History: 1983 c 307 s 4

375.555 FUNDING.

To implement the county emergency jobs program, the county board is authorized to expend an amount equal to what would be generated by a levy of 0.5 mills on all taxable property within the county. The money to be expended may be from any available funds not otherwise earmarked.

History: 1983 c 307 s 5

375.67 JUDICIAL REVIEW.

Subdivision 1. **Appeal.** The employee or the appointing authority may appeal from an order of the board of appeals in accordance with chapter 14.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1983 c 247 s 219]

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1983 c 247 s 219]

History: 1983 c 247 s 147