

CHAPTER 373

COUNTIES; POWERS, DUTIES, PRIVILEGES

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373.35 DIRECTOR OF BUREAU.

Subdivision 1. The county auditor shall serve as the director of the county license bureau or, if the auditor chooses not to serve, the county board shall appoint any other county officer or employee, or any other person, to serve as the director upon the terms and conditions the county board deems advisable. The county board shall set the compensation of the director and may provide for the expenses of the office including the premium of any bond required to be furnished by the director. The director shall have the powers and duties imposed on the county officer who previously had the authority to issue or process the application for any license referred to in section 373.32.

Notwithstanding section 168.33, subdivision 2, the commissioner of public safety may appoint, and for cause discontinue, the director as the deputy registrar of motor vehicles in the county. If the director is a deputy registrar, all provisions of section 168.33 and Minnesota Rules, chapter 7406, apply to a county license bureau.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1994]

History: 1995 c 71 s 1

373.40 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(a) "Bonds" means an obligation as defined under section 475.51.

(b) "Capital improvement" means acquisition or betterment of public lands, buildings, or other improvements within the county for the purpose of a county courthouse, administrative building, health or social service facility, correctional facility, jail, law enforcement center, hospital, morgue, library, park, qualified indoor ice arena, and roads and bridges. An improvement must have an expected useful life of five years or more to qualify. "Capital improvement" does not include light rail transit or any activity related to it or a recreation or sports facility building (such as, but not limited to, a gymnasium, ice arena, racquet sports facility, swimming pool, exercise room or health spa), unless the building is part of an outdoor park facility and is incidental to the primary purpose of outdoor recreation.

(c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of trade and economic development.

(d) "Metropolitan county" means a county located in the seven-county metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121 or a county with a population of 90,000 or more.

(e) "Population" means the population established by the most recent of the following (determined as of the date the resolution authorizing the bonds was adopted):

(1) the federal decennial census,

(2) a special census conducted under contract by the United States Bureau of the Census, or

(3) a population estimate made either by the metropolitan council or by the state demographer under section 4A.02.

(f) "Qualified indoor ice arena" means a facility that meets the requirements of section 373.43.

(g) "Tax capacity" means total taxable market value, but does not include captured market value.

[For text of subs 2 to 7, see M.S.1994]

History: 1995 c 256 s 1

373.42 COUNTY FACILITIES GROUP.

[For text of subs 1 to 3, see M.S.1994]

Subd. 4. Comment. The county facilities group shall review and comment on any proposed joint facility and may submit comments to the commissioner of children, families, and learning on any school district facility that is proposed within the county.

History: *1Sp1995 c 3 art 16 s 13*

373.43 FINANCING AUTHORITY; ICE FACILITIES.

A county may issue and sell its general obligations under chapter 475 to finance acquisition and construction of an indoor ice arena intended to be used predominantly for youth athletic activities if all the following conditions are met.

(a) The obligations are secured by a pledge of revenues from the facility.

(b) The county has entered into a qualified agreement. A qualified agreement means:

(1) a joint powers agreement with the school district or the city in which the facility is located that governs ownership, operation, and maintenance of the facility; or

(2) an agreement with a nonprofit corporation, qualifying under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, that provides that the corporation will operate, manage, and maintain the facility; or

(3) any combination of agreements under clauses (1) and (2).

(c) The agreements under paragraph (b) provide that all parties must pay the principal and interest on obligations, if the revenues for the facility are insufficient to pay the obligations in full.

(d) The county board finds, based on analysis provided by a professional experienced in finance, that the facility's revenues and other available money will be sufficient to pay the obligations, without reliance on a property tax levy or the general purpose state aid of the county or any party to a joint powers agreement.

History: *1995 c 256 s 2*

373.44 REVENUE FINANCING AUTHORITY; ICE FACILITIES.

For the purpose of acquiring, leasing, equipping, or maintaining land or buildings for use as an indoor ice arena as defined in section 373.43, a county has the same authority and powers granted to a city by section 471.191.

History: *1995 c 256 s 3*