

CHAPTER 376

COUNTY HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES

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For the purposes of sections 376.01 to 376.06, "county hospital" means any hospital owned or operated by a county which may consist of any number of buildings at one location or any number of buildings at different locations within the county. The county board of any county that has not established a county hospital may by resolution authorize a statutory or home rule charter city in the county and its city council to exercise the powers of a county and the county board under sections 376.01 to 376.07, in which case references in sections 376.01 to 376.07 to "county" and "county board" refer to the city so designated and its governing body, respectively.

History: 2003 c 127 art 12 s 11; 1Sp2003 c 21 art 10 s 11

376.55 COUNTY NURSING HOME.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 3. **Financing.** The county board may transfer surplus funds from any fund except the road and bridge, sinking or drainage ditch funds for the purpose of establishing, acquiring, maintaining, enlarging, or adding to a county nursing home. When surplus funds are not available for transfer, a county board may issue bonds to pay the cost of establishing, acquiring, equipping, furnishing, enlarging, or adding to a county nursing home, subject to section 376.56.

[For text of subds 4 to 6, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 7. **City powers.** The county board of any county that has not established a nursing home may by resolution authorize a statutory or home rule charter city within the county to exercise the powers of a county under sections 376.55 to 376.60. A city so designated may exercise within its boundaries all the powers of a county under sections 376.55 to 376.60.

History: 2003 c 127 art 12 s 12,13; 1Sp2003 c 21 art 10 s 11

376.56 TAX LEVIES AND BONDS.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 3. **Chapter 475 bonds.** Bonds issued under section 376.55, subdivision 3, may be general obligations of the county and may be issued and sold, and taxes levied for their payment as provided under chapter 475. No election shall be required to authorize the bond issue for acquiring, improving, remodeling, or replacing an existing nursing home without increasing the total number of accommodations for residents in all nursing homes in the county. The revenues of the nursing home shall also be pledged for the payment of the bonds and for any interest and premium. Part of the proceeds may be deposited in the debt service fund for the issue, to capitalize interest and create a reserve to reduce or eliminate the tax otherwise required by section 475.61 to be levied before issuing the bonds. The remaining proceeds from the sale of the bonds and any surplus funds transferred under section 376.55, subdivision 3 must be credited to and deposited in the county nursing home building fund of the county in which the nursing home is located.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.2002]

History: 2003 c 127 art 12 s 14; 1Sp2003 c 21 art 10 s 11