

Subd. 2. OTHER EXAMINATIONS. The commissioner may investigate within or without this state as the commissioner deems necessary to determine whether any person has violated any provision of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act of 1977, or of sections 332.31 to 332.45, or any rule or order thereunder; to determine whether a license should be issued, renewed, or revoked; to aid in the enforcement of sections 332.31 to 332.45; or in prescribing rules and forms thereunder. The commissioner may publish information concerning any violation of sections 332.31 to 332.45 or any rule or order thereunder.

Subd. 3. COMMISSIONER'S POWERS. For the purpose of any investigation or proceeding under sections 332.31 to 332.45, the commissioner or any person designated by him may administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena collection agencies and compel their attendance, take evidence and require the production of any books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, agreements or other documents or records which the commissioner deems relevant or material to the inquiry. The subpoena shall contain a written statement setting forth the circumstances which have reasonably caused the commissioner to believe that a violation of sections 332.31 to 332.45 may have occurred.

In the event that the collection agency refuses to obey the subpoena, or should the commissioner, upon completion of the examination of the collection agency, reasonably conclude that a violation has occurred, the commissioner may examine additional witnesses, including third parties, as may be necessary to complete the investigation.

Any subpoena issued pursuant to this section shall be served by certified mail. Service shall be made at least 15 days prior to the date of appearance.

Subd. 4. COURT ORDER TO COMPEL DISCLOSURES. In case of contumacy by or refusal to obey a subpoena by any person the district court upon application by the commissioner may issue to the person an order directing the person to appear before the commissioner or commissioner's designee to produce documentary evidence if so ordered or to give evidence touching the matter under investigation or in question. Failure to obey the order of the court may be punished by the court as a contempt of court.

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CHAPTER 230 — H.F.No. 1190

An act relating to counties; providing that the compensation of members of the St. Louis county board of commissioners be set pursuant to general law; providing for a seven-member board of commissioners in certain counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 375.055, Subdivision 1; proposing new law coded in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 375; repealing Laws 1965, Chapter 843.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 375.055, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **FIXED BY COUNTY BOARD.** The county commissioners in all counties of the state, except Hennepin, and Ramsey and St. Louis counties, shall receive as compensation for services rendered by them for their respective counties, annual salaries and in addition may receive per diem payments and reimbursement for necessary expenses in performing the duties of the office as set by resolution of the county board, provided that the salary and schedule of per diem payments shall not become effective until January 1st of the next year. The resolution shall contain a statement of the new salary to be established set forth on an annual basis. The board may establish a schedule of per diem payments for service by individual county commissioners on any board, committee, or commission of county government including committees of the board, or for the performance of services by individual county commissioners when required by law. In addition to its publication in the official newspaper of the county as part of the proceedings of the meeting of the county board, the resolution setting the salary and schedule of per diem payments shall be published in one other newspaper of the county, if there be one located in a different municipality in the county than the official newspaper. The salary of a county commissioner or the schedule of per diem payments shall not change except in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision.

Sec. 2. **[375.056] SEVEN-MEMBER BOARD.**

Any county with a population of 100,000 or more according to the last federal decennial census may by resolution of its county board provide for a seven-member board of county commissioners. A certified copy of the resolution of the county board of any county choosing to exercise this option shall be transmitted to the secretary of state, and the county commissioner districts shall be redistricted by the county board in accordance with section 375.025.

Sec. 3. **REPEAL.**

Laws 1965, Chapter 843, is repealed.

Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 645.023, Subdivision 1, Clause (b), sections 1 and 3 are effective the day after final enactment, without local approval.

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