

such question is submitted to a referendum vote of the people in the county or a group of counties acting jointly, and a majority of the people voting on such question shall approve the same, as provided by Section 376.04, Minnesota Statutes Annotated, as in the case of county hospitals.

**Subd. 3. Transfer of funds.** The county board of any county in this state may transfer surplus funds from any fund except the road and bridge, sinking or drainage ditch funds for the purpose of establishing a county nursing home. When surplus funds are not available for transfer, a county board may issue bonds to defray the cost of establishing a county nursing home, subject to the provisions of section 376.56.

**Subd. 4. Obtaining interest.** Any county, not maintaining a nursing home, either alone or in connection with another or other counties, may purchase an interest in an existing county nursing home if the county board or boards owning such nursing home decide by majority vote of each county board to admit such county. The sum to be paid for admission to ownership shall be fixed by the county board or boards owning such home with due regard for their investment in such home. Any county admitted under this provision shall have all the rights and privileges provided for in sections 376.55 to 376.66.

**Subd. 5. County defined.** Whenever in sections 376.55 to 376.66 the word "county" is used, it refers to a county acting singly, or as one of a group of counties acting jointly, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

**Subd. 6. Withdrawal of interest.** *Any county board may withdraw its interest in any county nursing home if the county board or boards owning such nursing home decided by majority vote of each county board to allow such withdrawal. The sum to be paid to the county withdrawing shall be fixed by the county board or boards owning such home with due regard for their investment in such home.*

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CHAPTER 249—H. F. No. 781

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to a county school tax levy in certain counties having an area of more than 5,000 square miles; amending Laws 1949, Chapter 375, Section 1, as amended.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Laws 1949, Chapter 375, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 236, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **St. Louis County; schools, levy.** In any county of this state now or hereafter having an area in excess of 5,000 square miles, of which more than 50 percent is in unorganized school territory, and less than three percent of the assessed valuation of which is in the unorganized school territory, the county auditor shall make annually a special county school tax levy upon all the taxable property in the county of not to exceed *two* mills or so much thereof as the county board of education for the unorganized school territory shall determine to be necessary for the purposes hereof in each of the years 1951 through and including 1958. The proceeds from such tax shall be placed in a separate fund, under the control of such county board of education for the unorganized school territory, and shall be used for the purpose of retiring the funded and unfunded indebtedness of the unorganized school territory which existed on June 30, 1945, and the interest thereon, and the retirement of bonds issued to fund said unfunded indebtedness and to refund such funded indebtedness as hereinafter provided; and any proceeds from said levy in excess of the amount required to provide a fund sufficient to pay the interest and principal of such indebtedness when due may be used by the county board of education for unorganized territory for salaries, operation of schools except that 65 percent shall be used exclusively for the construction of new school buildings.

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CHAPTER 250—H. F. No. 1041

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to annual salaries of certain county officers in certain counties; amending Laws 1951, Chapter 426, Sections 1 and 4.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Laws 1951, Chapter 426, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **Aitkin county officers, salaries.** In all counties of this state having not less than 50 nor more than 60 full or fractional congressional townships, and having a land area of not less than 1,700, nor more than 2,000 square miles, the annual salaries of the county officers named herein shall be as follows: