

373.35 COUNTIES; POWERS, DUTIES, PRIVILEGES

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 168.33, subdivision 2, the director may be appointed the deputy registrar of motor vehicles in the county and if appointed the deputy registrar he shall have the same authority as a county auditor to appoint one or more deputy registrars as provided in section 168.33, subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. The director shall be responsible for all funds in his custody as the director of the license bureau and shall deposit the funds in the county treasury, a state depository or forward the funds to the appropriate state official at the times and in the manner provided by law or regulation or as designated by the county board not inconsistent with applicable statutes and regulations. The director of the license bureau or an employee in the bureau shall not be permitted to retain any portion of the fee charged by law or any surcharge upon the license or application, his sole compensation shall be the salary provided by the county board.

[1973 c 675 s 4]

373.36 Bond required

Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, the director and each employee having the charge of handling any money, license, license plate or application for license shall give bond to the state in the sum of at least the amount fixed by the commissioner of public safety required of deputy registrars of motor vehicles conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties.

[1973 c 675 s 5]

373.37 Termination of bureau

A county license bureau may be terminated in the same manner as provided in section 373.34 to establish a license bureau. Any duties and responsibilities assigned to the director of the license bureau upon termination of the bureau shall be vested in the officer or person which has the responsibility for the function as provided by law at the time of the termination.

[1973 c 675 s 6]

373.38 Business hours

All such offices shall maintain hours to best serve the public need, and shall be open to the public for a minimum period of three hours one evening after 5:00 p. m. or on Saturday of each week.

[1973 c 675 s 7]

CHAPTER 375. COUNTY BOARDS

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375.03 Term of commissioners

In each new county, and in each county which shall be entitled to an increase of the number of commissioners, there shall be elected at the next general election a commissioner from each odd-numbered district for a term of two years, and one from each even-numbered district for a term of four years; and thereafter all commissioners shall be elected for a term of four years, except that elections or appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term only. In counties having a population of more than 150,000, every such commissioner, before he enters upon his duties, shall give bond to the state in the sum of \$10,000, with a legally authorized surety company as surety, conditioned for the faithful performance of his official duties. Such bond shall be approved by a judge of the district court, and together

with his oath of office and certificate of election, be filed with the register of deeds. The premium on the bond shall not exceed that prescribed by law for county treasurers, and shall be paid by the county.

[1973 c 524 s 1]

375.16 Appropriation for incidental expenses

At its regular meetings in January and July the county board may appropriate from the county revenue fund a sum to pay incidental expenses of county officers incurred for postage, and for necessary express, freight, telephone, telegraph, water, and light and other utility charges, the mileage and per diem of town officers making election returns, to be paid on the warrant of the county auditor upon the presentation of a properly itemized and verified bill, except in cases where the county auditor considers the sum charged excessive, in which case he shall file the bill, if requested by the person presenting the same, for action by the board at its next meeting.

[1973 c 100 s 1]

375.161 Incidental costs and expenses; contingent fund; additional appropriations

Subdivision 1. In addition to the amount authorized by section 375.16, each county board may annually appropriate from the county revenue fund a sum not exceeding \$750 as a contingent fund for use by the county board to pay for incidental costs and expenses incurred by them in expediting the business of the county.

Subd. 2. Nothing in subdivision 1 shall operate to lessen the amount of a contingent fund available to the county board or the chairman of a county board under the authority of a special act for a single county enacted previous to the effective date of Laws 1973, Chapter 373.

[1973 c 373 s 1]

375.164 Television translator stations, construction by county

The county board of any county in this state is hereby authorized to appropriate annually from the general revenue fund of such county an amount necessary to fund the construction, acquisition, improvement, or maintenance of a translator station within such county for the purpose of receiving and transmitting television broadcasting signals.

[1973 c 213 s 1]

375.33 Free county libraries

Subdivision 1. Creating, financing. The county board of any county may establish and maintain, at a location determined by the board, a public library for the free use of residents of the county, and may levy an annual tax upon all taxable property which is not already taxed for the support of any free public library and all taxable property which is situated outside of any city or village in which is situated a free public library. The proceeds of this tax shall be placed in the county library fund.

[1973 c 583 s 23]

Subd. 2. Establishment; petition, election. If such county library be not otherwise established, upon petition of not less than 100 freeholders of the county, the county board shall submit the question of the establishment and maintenance of a free public library to the voters at the next county election. If a majority of the votes cast on such question be in the affirmative, the county board shall establish the library and shall levy annually a tax for its support.

[1973 c 583 s 24]

[For text of subs. 3 and 4, see M.S.1971]