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376.19 Levy for tuberculosis sanatoriums

The county board of any county in this state which has heretofore established, or shall hereafter, either by itself or in conjunction with another county or counties, establish a tuberculosis sanatorium may annually levy a tax on all taxable property in the county for the construction, improvement, equipment, and enlargement of such sanatorium and the improving and enlarging of the site thereof, and for the construction, improvement and maintenance of any highway terminating on said sanatorium site and extending not to exceed five miles from said site.

[1973 c 583 s 25]

376.20 Maintenance charge; limitation

The county sanatorium commission shall determine by resolution each year prior to July 1, the amount of money necessary for the maintenance of such sanatorium during the following year and a certified copy of such resolution shall be forthwith forwarded to the board or boards of county commissioners, and such board or boards shall at the regular meeting in July include the properly approved and apportioned amount in the annual levy of county taxes.

[1973 c 583 s 26]

376.28 Tuberculosis sanatoriums

The board of county commissioners of any county in this state, or the boards of county commissioners in any group of counties in this state, shall have and are hereby granted and given power, with the advice and approval of the commissioner of public welfare, to establish and maintain, as provided in sections 376.28 to 376.42, a sanatorium for the treatment and care of persons affected with tuberculosis, provided that the power so granted shall be exercised as follows:

(1) Such sanatorium may be established by a majority vote of the commissioners of such county, or a majority vote of the commissioners of each such group of counties;

(2) When it is necessary to issue the bonds of such county or any county in any such group of counties to defray the cost which such county or any of such counties are required to pay under the terms of sections 376.28 to 376.42, then and in all such cases the question of whether such bonds shall be issued to defray any county's portion of the cost thereof shall be submitted to the voters of such county or, if more than one, to the voters of each of such counties requiring a bond issue, and the bonds shall not be issued unless a majority of the voters of such county or, if more than one, of each such county voting thereon, shall vote in favor of the proposition submitted to it or to them;

(3) The board of county commissioners of any such county or, if more than one, the board of county commissioners of any such counties, shall have the power and authority, in any case, to submit the question to the voters of any such county or counties in the way and manner provided in sections 376.28 to 376.42.

Any county or group of counties which has heretofore commenced proceedings to erect a sanatorium or taken any steps preliminary thereto may, by a resolution of the board of county commissioners thereof, adopted by a majority

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ty vote of the board of county commissioners or each board of county commissioners, as the case may be, determine to proceed under the provisions of sections 376.28 to 376.42 and may continue thereunder and complete such sanatorium and be entitled to all the provisions and benefits provided for in sections 376.28 to 376.42. The sanatorium, when so constructed, shall in all respects conform to the requirements of sections 376.28 to 376.42.

The board of county commissioners of any such county, or the board of county commissioners of each of such group of counties, if more than one, erecting such sanatorium under the provisions of sections 376.28 to 376.42, may, by resolution, create a fund to be known as the sanatorium fund, and such funds may be raised by taxation at the time of deciding to erect such sanatorium under sections 376.28 to 376.42 or at any time subsequent thereto; or, if submitted to the people at the first meeting of the board of county commissioners, after the people of the county or counties shall have voted to erect the same, and the amount so determined by the board to be raised by taxation shall be extended on the tax lists and collected as other county taxes, and this provision shall be construed to vest in the county commissioners of such county or counties, as the case may be, power to levy a tax to pay interest and principal of any bonds authorized under sections 376.28 to 376.42 as the same shall come due and become payable, and the tax shall be levied, extended, and collected in the same way and manner as other county taxes are levied, extended, and collected, and shall be used for no other purpose, provided that no institution established under sections 376.28 to 376.42 shall have less than 20 beds.

The question as to the issuance of bonds may be submitted at a general or special election; if at the general election, the notices of such election shall state that the question will be voted upon and the provisions for taking such votes shall be made upon the blue ballots furnished herefor, as in the case of other questions, and the result shall be canvassed and returned in like manner; if at a special election, such election shall be ordered by resolution of the county board and the procedure for, at, and after such election shall be substantially, and as far as applicable, the same as provided for in sections 372.04 to 372.08; and the county auditor, upon the passage of the necessary resolution, shall proceed as provided in sections 372.04 to 372.08. If the proposition is to affect more than one county, then the necessary action shall be taken by the county board and the auditor of each county affected. If funds are to be borrowed from the state, the procedure outlined herein shall be sufficient for that purpose.

Where more than one county is involved the result of the vote on the question submitted in each of the counties shall be certified by the auditor thereof to the auditors of the other counties interested.

[1973 c 583 s 27]

376.424 Charges; payment

The county sanatorium commission shall fix the amount to be charged for the care, treatment and maintenance of any such nontuberculous patient, which charge shall equal all costs of such hospitalization of such patient. Any person who is afflicted with a malady, deformity or ailment, other than tuberculosis, which can probably be remedied by hospital care, service and treatment, and who is unable to pay the charges, may be admitted to the sanatorium for care, treatment and maintenance upon application of the county responsible for the care of such person under the provisions of the statutes governing the relief of the poor, and such charges shall be paid by the county making such application.

[1973 c 380 s 14; 1973 c 650 art XXI s 26]