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(3) The board shall raise the valuation of each class of personal property which in its opinion is returned below its market value to such sum as is believed to be the market value thereof; and shall raise the aggregate value of the personal property of individuals, firms, or corporations, when it believes that such aggregate valuation, as returned, is less than the market value of the taxable personal property possessed by such individuals, firms, or corporations, to such sum as it believes to be the market value thereof; first giving notice to such persons of intention to do so, which notice shall fix a time and place when and where a hearing will be had;

(4) The board shall reduce the valuation of each class of personal property enumerated in section 273.49 which is returned above its market value to such sum as it believes to be the market value thereof; and, upon complaint of any party aggrieved, the board shall reduce the aggregate valuation of the personal property of such individual, or of any class of personal property for which he is assessed, which in its opinion has been assessed at too large a sum, to such sum as it believes was the market value of his personal property of such class;

(5) The board shall not reduce the aggregate value of all the property of its county, as submitted to the county board of equalization, with the additions made thereto by the auditor as in this chapter required, by more than one percent of the whole valuation thereof; but the board may raise the aggregate valuation of such real property, and of each class of personal property, of the county, or of any town or district thereof, when it believes the same is below the market value of the property, or class of property, to such aggregate amount as it believes to be the market value thereof;

(6) The board shall change the classification of any property which in its opinion is not properly classified.

(b) If a person, other than a public utility, mining company or the metropolitan airport commission for which the original assessments are determined by the commissioner of revenue, fails to appear in person, by counsel, or by written communication before the county board after being duly notified of the board's intent to raise the assessment of his property, or if a person fails to appeal a decision of the board of review as described in section 274.01 subsequent to his appearance before the local board, he may not appear before the commissioner of revenue as provided for in section 270.11, subdivisions 5 and 6, to contest the valuation.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1976]

[1977 c 434 s 12]

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275.07 City, town, county, school district and special district taxes.

The taxes voted by cities, towns, and school districts shall be certified by the proper authorities to the county auditor on or before October tenth in each year. If a city, town, county, school district or special district fails to certify its levy by that date, its levy shall be the amount levied by it for the preceding year. If the local unit notifies the commissioner of revenue before October tenth of its inability to certify its levy by that date, and the commissioner is satisfied that the delay is unavoidable and is not due to the negligence of the local unit's officials or staff, the commissioner shall extend the time within which the local unit shall certify its levy.

[1977 c 423 art 4 s 5]

NOTE: This section shall be effective for taxable years 1977 payable 1978 and thereafter.

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275.124 Report of certified levy.

Prior to March 1 of each year, each county auditor shall report to the commissioner of education on forms furnished by the commissioner, the amount of the certified levy made by each school district within the county which has taxable property.

[1977 c 447 art 7 s 25]

275.125 Tax levy, school districts.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 2a. (1) In 1977, a school district may levy for all general and special school purposes, an amount equal to the amount raised by 28 mills times the 1976 adjusted assessed valuation of the district.

(2) In 1978, a school district may levy for all general and special school purposes, an amount equal to the amount raised by 27 mills times the 1977 adjusted assessed valuation of the district.

(3) For any district levying less than 95 percent of the maximum levy allowable in clauses (1) and (2), beginning with the levy certified in 1976, payable in 1977, the foundation aid to the district for the 1977-1978 school year, and for subsequent levies, foundation aid for subsequent school years, calculated pursuant to section 124.212, shall be reduced by 50 percent of the amount of the difference between the actual levy and the maximum levy allowable under clauses (1) and (2). In the application of this clause, the maximum levy allowable under clauses (1) and (2) shall be reduced by any reduction of this levy which is required by section 275.125, subdivision 9 or any other law.

(4) (a) The levy authorized by clauses (1) or (2) may be increased in any amount which is approved by the voters of the district at a referendum called for the purpose. Such a referendum may be called by the school board or shall be called by the school board upon written petition of qualified voters of the district. The referendum shall be held on a date set by the school board. Only one such election may be held to approve a levy increase which will commence in a specific school year. The question on the ballot shall state the maximum amount of the increased levy in mills, the amount that will be raised by that millage in the first year it is to be levied, and that the millage shall be used to finance school operations. The question may designate a specific number of years for which the referendum authorization shall apply. If approved, the amount provided by the approved millage applied to each year's taxable valuation shall be authorized for certification for the number of years approved, if applicable, or until revoked by the voters of the district at a subsequent referendum.

(b) A referendum on the question of revoking the increased levy amount authorized pursuant to clause (a) of this clause may be called by the school board and shall be called by the school board upon the written petition of qualified voters of the district. The amount approved by the voters of the district pursuant to clause (a) of this clause must be levied at least once before it is subject to a referendum on its revocation for subsequent years. Only one such revocation election may be held to revoke a levy for any specific year and for years thereafter.

(c) A petition authorized by clauses (a) or (b) of this clause shall be effective if signed by a number of qualified voters in excess of 15 percent, or 10 percent if the school board election is held in conjunction with a general election, of the average number of voters at the two most recent district wide school elections. A referendum invoked by petition shall be held within three months of submission of the petition to the school board.

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(d) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the approval of 50 percent plus one of those voting on the question is required to pass a referendum.

(e) Within 30 days after the district holds a referendum pursuant to this clause, the district shall notify the commissioner of education of the results of the referendum.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 4. A school district may levy the amounts necessary to make payments for bonds issued and for interest thereon, including the bonds and interest thereon, issued as authorized by section 275.125, subdivision 3, clause (7) (C), as it read in Minnesota Statutes 1974; the amounts necessary for repayment of debt service loans and capital loans; the amounts necessary to pay the district's obligations under section 6.62; the amount authorized for liabilities of dissolved districts pursuant to section 122.45; the amounts necessary to pay the district's obligations under section 268.06, subdivision 25; and the amounts necessary to pay the district's obligations under section 127.05.

[For text of subd 5, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 5a. Upon approval of the commissioner, a district may levy for increased transportation costs above the formula limitation resulting from changes in transportation patterns required by leasing a school in another district provided that the cost increases are estimated to be a direct result of leasing that school and the increases result in costs above the formula limitation. The commissioner shall approve a specific dollar amount which may be levied because of these increased costs. The levy authorized by this subdivision may be computed on the basis of estimated increased costs. In the first year a district makes the levy authorized by this subdivision, the commissioner may authorize a levy sufficient to pay for estimated increased costs resulting from leasing for two years. The amount provided by this levy shall not be included in the computation of the actual net operating cost per pupil transported in future years.

[For text of subds 6 to 7, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 8. (1) In 1977, and each year thereafter, a district which has established a community school advisory council pursuant to section 121.88, may levy an amount of money raised by the greater of (A) \$2 per capita, or (B) the amount certified pursuant to this subdivision in 1976. These levies shall be used for community services including nonvocational adult programs, recreation and leisure time activity programs, and programs contemplated by sections 121.85 to 121.88. For purposes of computing the levy limitation pursuant to this subdivision, the amount certified pursuant to this subdivision in 1976 shall not reflect reductions pursuant to subdivision 9.

(2) A school district shall be authorized to make a levy pursuant to this subdivision only after it has filed a certificate of compliance with the commissioner of education. The certificate of compliance shall certify that the governing boards of the county, municipality and township in which the school district or any part thereof is located have been sent 15 working days written notice of a meeting and that a meeting has been held to discuss methods of increasing mutual cooperation between such bodies and the school board. The failure of a governing board of a county, municipality or township to attend the meeting shall not affect the authority of the school district to make a levy pursuant to this subdivision.

(3) The population of the district for purposes of this subdivision is the popu-

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lation determined as provided in section 275.14 or as certified by the department of education from the most recent federal census.

Subd. 9. (1) Districts which receive payments which result in deductions from foundation aid pursuant to section 124.212, subdivision 8a, clause (1), shall reduce the permissible levies authorized by subdivisions 3 to 14 by that portion of the previous year's payment not deducted from foundation aid on account of the payment. The levy reductions shall be made in the proportions that each permissible levy bears to the sum of the permissible levies. Reductions in levies pursuant to this clause, subdivision 10 of this section, and section 273.138, shall be made prior to the reductions in clause (2).

(2) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, districts which received payments pursuant to sections 294.21 to 294.28; 298.23 to 298.28; 298.32; 298.34 to 298.39; 298.391 to 298.396; 298.405; 298.51 to 298.67; and any law imposing a tax upon severed mineral values, or under any other law distributing proceeds in lieu of ad valorem tax assessments on copper or nickel properties; shall not include a portion of these aids in their permissible levies pursuant to those sections, but instead shall reduce the permissible levies authorized by this section to be certified in the calendar year in which the deduction from foundation aid is made pursuant to section 124.212, subdivision 8a, by the portion of the previous fiscal year's payment which was not deducted from foundation aid in that calendar year pursuant to section 124.212, subdivision 8a.

(3) No reduction pursuant to this subdivision shall reduce the levy made by the district pursuant to subdivision 2a, clause 1 or 2, to an amount less than the amount raised by a levy of 10 mills times the adjusted assessed valuation of that district for the preceding year as determined by the equalization aid review committee. The amount of any increased levy authorized by referendum pursuant to subdivision 2a, clause (4) shall not be reduced pursuant to this subdivision. The amount of any levy authorized by subdivision 4, to make payments for bonds issued and for interest thereon, shall not be reduced pursuant to this subdivision.

(4) Before computing the reduction pursuant to this subdivision of the capital expenditure levy authorized by section 275.125, subdivision 11a, the commissioner shall ascertain from each affected school district the amount it proposes to levy for capital expenditures pursuant to that subdivision. The reduction of the capital expenditure levy shall be computed on the basis of the amount so ascertained.

(5) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any amounts received by districts in any fiscal year after fiscal year 1975 pursuant to sections 294.21 to 294.28; 298.23 to 298.28; 298.34 to 298.39; 298.391 to 298.396; 298.405; 298.51 to 298.67; or any law imposing a tax on severed mineral values, or under any other law distributing proceeds in lieu of ad valorem tax assessments on copper or nickel properties; and not deducted from foundation aid pursuant to section 124.212, subdivision 8a, clause (2), and not applied to reduce levies pursuant to this subdivision shall be paid by the district to the commissioner of finance in the following amounts pursuant to this clause on the designated dates: on or before March 15, 1977, 20 percent of the amounts received in fiscal 1976 and not deducted from foundation aid in August 1976 and not applied to reduce 1976 payable 1977 levies; on or before March 15, 1978, 60 percent of the amounts received in fiscal 1977 and not deducted from foundation aid and not applied to reduce 1977 payable 1978 levies; on or before March 15, 1979 and March 15 of each year thereafter, 100 percent of the amounts received in the preceding fiscal year and not deducted from foundation aid and not applied to reduce levies certified in the preceding October. The commissioner of finance shall deposit any amounts received pursuant to this clause in the taconite property tax relief fund in the state treasury, established pursuant to section 16A.70 for purposes of paying the taconite homestead credit as provided in section 273.135.

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Subd. 9a. (1) In 1978 and each year thereafter in which so required by this subdivision, a district shall make an additional levy to eliminate its statutory operating debt, determined as of June 30, 1977 and certified and adjusted by the commissioner. This levy shall not be made in more than 20 successive years and each year before it is made, it must be approved by the commissioner and the approval shall specify its amount. This levy shall in each year be an amount which is equal to the amount raised by a levy of 1.5 mills times the adjusted assessed valuation of the district for the preceding year as determined by the equalization aid review committee; provided that in the last year in which the district is required to make this levy, it shall levy an amount not to exceed the amount raised by a levy of 1.5 mills times the adjusted assessed valuation of the district for the preceding year as determined by the equalization aid review committee. When the cumulative levies made pursuant to this subdivision equal an amount equal to the statutory operating debt of the district, the levy shall be discontinued.

(2) The district shall establish a special account in the general fund which shall be designated "appropriated fund balance reserve account for purposes of reducing statutory operating debt" on its books and records. This account shall reflect the levy authorized pursuant to this subdivision. The proceeds of this levy shall be used only for cash flow requirements and shall not be used to supplement district revenues or income for the purposes of increasing the district's expenditures or budgets.

(3) Any district which is required to levy pursuant to this subdivision shall certify the maximum levy allowable under subdivision 2a, clause (1) or (2) in that same year.

(4) Each district shall make permanent fund balance transfers so that the total statutory operating debt of the district is reflected in the general fund as of June 30, 1977.

[For text of subd 10, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 11a. (a) A school district may levy an amount not to exceed the amount equal to \$75 per pupil unit or, in districts where the pupil unit count is increased pursuant to section 124.17, subdivision 1, clause (7), \$80 per pupil unit. For purposes of computing allowable levies under section 275.125, pupil units shall include only those units identified in section 124.17, subdivision 1, clauses (1), (2), (4), (5), (6) and (7). No levy under this subdivision shall exceed 10 mills times the adjusted assessed valuation of the taxable property in the district for the preceding year, notwithstanding the provisions of sections 272.64 and 275.49.

(b) The proceeds of the tax may be used only to acquire land, to equip and reequip buildings and permanent attached fixtures, and to pay leasing fees for computer systems hardware, computer terminals and telecommunications equipment, and related proprietary software. The proceeds of the tax may also be used for capital improvement and repair of school sites, buildings and permanent attached fixtures and for the payment of any special assessments levied against the property of the district authorized pursuant to section 435.19 or any other law or charter provision authorizing assessments against publicly owned property; provided that a district may not levy amounts to pay assessments for service charges, including but not limited to those described in section 429.101, whether levied pursuant to that section or pursuant to any other law or home rule provision. The proceeds of the tax may also be used for capital expenditures for the purpose of reducing or eliminating barriers to or increasing access to school facilities by handicapped individuals.

(c) Subject to the commissioner's approval, the tax proceeds may also be used to rent or lease buildings for school purposes and to acquire or construct buildings. The state board shall promulgate rules establishing the criteria to be used

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by the commissioner in approving and disapproving district applications requesting the use of capital expenditure tax proceeds for the renting or leasing of buildings for school purposes and the acquisition or construction of buildings. The approval criteria for purposes of building acquisition and construction shall include: the appropriateness of the proposal with respect to the district's long term needs; the availability of adequate existing facilities; and the economic feasibility of bonding because of the proposed building's size or cost.

(d) The board shall establish a fund in which the proceeds of this tax shall be accumulated until expended.

(e) The proceeds of the tax shall not be used for custodial or other maintenance services.

Subd. 12. When a district finds it economically advantageous to rent or lease existing school buildings for instructional purposes, and the proceeds of the levy permitted under section 124.04 or 275.125, subdivision 11a are insufficient for this purpose, it may apply to the commissioner for permission to make an additional capital expenditure levy for this purpose. An application for permission to levy under this clause shall contain financial justification for the proposed levy, the terms and conditions of the proposed lease, and a description of the space to be leased and its proposed use. The criteria for approval of applications to levy under this clause shall include: the reasonableness of the price, the appropriateness of the space to the proposed activity, the feasibility of transporting pupils to the leased building, conformity of the lease to the laws and regulations of the state of Minnesota, and the appropriateness of the proposed lease to the space needs and the financial condition of the district. The commissioner shall not authorize a levy under this clause in an amount greater than the cost to the district of renting or leasing a school building for approved purposes. The proceeds of this levy shall not be used for custodial or other maintenance services.

Subd. 13. Districts maintaining a post-secondary vocational-technical school shall levy for post-secondary vocational-technical purposes as follows:

(1) For districts in cities of the first class, one-half mill, exclusive of debt service, times the adjusted assessed valuation of the taxable property of the district for the preceding year as determined by the equalization aid review committee.

(2) For districts formed pursuant to Laws 1967, Chapter 822, as amended, and Laws 1969, Chapters 775 and 1060 as amended, one-half mill, exclusive of debt service, times the adjusted assessed valuation of the taxable property of the district for the preceding year as determined by the equalization aid review committee.

(3) For other districts maintaining post-secondary vocational schools, one mill, exclusive of debt service, times the adjusted assessed valuation of the taxable property of the district for the preceding year as determined by the equalization aid review committee.

[For text of subs 14 to 18, see M.S.1976]

[1977 c 423 art 3 s 12; 1977 c 447 art 1 s 19,20; art 2 s 8; art 4 s 5; art 5 s 12; art 6 s 8-10; art 7 s 26]

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[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 5. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary for taxes levied in 1977 payable in 1978 and thereafter, "special levies" means those portions of ad valorem taxes levied by governmental subdivisions to:

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(a) satisfy judgments rendered against the governmental subdivision by a court of competent jurisdiction in any tort action, or to pay the costs of settlements out of court against the governmental subdivision in a tort action when substantiated by a stipulation for the dismissal of the action filed with the court of competent jurisdiction and signed by both the plaintiff and the legal representative of the governmental subdivision, but only to the extent of the increase in levy for such judgments and out of court settlements over levy year 1970, taxes payable in 1971;

(b) pay the costs of complying with any written lawful order initially issued prior to January 1, 1977 by the state of Minnesota, or the United States, or any agency or subdivision thereof, which is authorized by law, statute, special act or ordinance and is enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction, or any stipulation agreement or permit for treatment works or disposal system for pollution abatement in lieu of a lawful order signed by the governmental subdivision and the state of Minnesota, or the United States, or any agency or subdivision thereof which is enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction. The commissioner of revenue shall in consultation with other state departments and agencies, develop a suggested form for use by the state of Minnesota, its agencies and subdivisions in issuing orders pursuant to this subdivision;

(c) pay the costs to a governmental subdivision for their minimum required share of any program otherwise authorized by law, including the administrative costs of social services but not administrative costs of public assistance programs or of county welfare systems, for which matching funds have been appropriated by the state of Minnesota or the United States, but only to the extent that the costs to the governmental subdivision for the program exceed those expended in calendar year 1970, subject to rules promulgated by the commissioner of revenue pursuant to the administrative procedures act. Amounts levied pursuant to this clause which are in excess of the amount necessary to meet the minimum required share of a program shall be deducted from the general levy made in the following year;

(d) pay the costs not reimbursed by the state or federal government, of payments made to or on behalf of recipients of aid under any public assistance program authorized by law;

(e) pay the costs of principal and interest on bonded indebtedness, or, effective for taxes levied in 1973 and years thereafter, to reimburse for the amount of liquor store revenues used to pay the principal and interest due in the year preceding the year for which the levy limit is calculated on municipal liquor store bonds;

(f) pay the costs of principal and interest on certificates of indebtedness, except tax anticipation or aid anticipation certificates of indebtedness, issued for any corporate purpose except current expenses or funding an insufficiency in receipts from taxes or other sources or funding extraordinary expenditures resulting from a public emergency;

(g) fund the payments made to the Minnesota state armory building commission pursuant to section 193.145, subdivision 2, to retire the principal and interest on armory construction bonds;

(h) provide for the bonded indebtedness portion of payments made to another political subdivision of the state of Minnesota;

(i) pay the amounts required to compensate for a decrease in revenues from public service enterprises, municipal liquor stores, licenses, permits, fines and forfeits and no other, to the extent that the aggregate of revenues from these sources in the calendar year preceding the year of levy are less than the aggregate of reve-

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nues from these sources in calendar year 1971. "Revenues" from a public service enterprise or a municipal liquor store shall mean the net income or loss of such public service enterprise or municipal liquor store, determined by subtracting total expenses from total revenues, and before any contribution to or from the governmental subdivision. "Fines" for a municipal court means the net amount remaining after subtracting total municipal court expenses from total collections of municipal court fines. A governmental subdivision shall qualify for this special levy only if the decrease in aggregate revenues as computed herein and divided by the population of the governmental subdivision in the preceding levy year is equal to or greater than two percent of the per capita levy limitation for the preceding levy year;

(j) pay the amounts required to compensate for a decrease in mobile homes property tax receipts to the extent that the governmental subdivision's portion of the total levy in the current levy year, pursuant to section 273.13, subdivision 3, as amended, is less than the distribution of the mobile homes tax to the governmental subdivision pursuant to section 273.13, subdivision 3, in calendar year 1971;

(k) pay the amounts required, in accordance with section 275.075, to correct for a county auditor's error of omission in levy year 1971 or a subsequent levy year, but only to the extent that when added to the preceding year's levy it is not in excess of an applicable statutory, special law or charter limitation, or the limitation imposed on the governmental subdivision by sections 275.50 to 275.56 in the preceding levy year;

(l) pay amounts required to correct for an error of omission in the levy certified to the appropriate county auditor or auditors by the governing body of a city or town with statutory city powers in levy year 1971 or a subsequent levy year, but only to the extent that when added to the preceding year's levy it is not in excess of an applicable statutory, special law or charter limitation, or the limitation imposed on the governmental subdivision by sections 275.50 to 275.56 in the preceding levy year;

(m) pay the increased cost of municipal services as the result of an annexation or consolidation ordered by the Minnesota municipal board in levy year 1971 or a subsequent levy year, but only to the extent and for the levy years as provided by the board in its order pursuant to section 414.01, subdivision 15. Special levies authorized by the board shall not exceed 50 percent of the levy limit base of the governmental subdivision and may not be in effect for more than three years after the board's order;

(n) pay the increased costs of municipal services provided to new private industrial and nonresidential commercial development, to the extent that the extension of such services are not paid for through bonded indebtedness or special assessments, and not to exceed the amount determined as follows. The governmental subdivision may calculate the aggregate of:

(1) The increased expenditures necessary in preparation for the delivering of municipal services to new private industrial and nonresidential commercial development, but limited to one year's expenditures one time for each such development;

(2) The amount determined by dividing the overall levy limitation established pursuant to sections 275.50 to 275.56, and exclusive of special levies and special assessments, by the total taxable value of the governmental subdivision, and then multiplying this quotient times the total increase in assessed value of private industrial and nonresidential commercial development within the governmental subdivision. For the purpose of this clause, the increase in the assessed value of private industrial and nonresidential commercial development is calculated as the increase in assessed value over the assessed value of the real estate parcels subject to such private development as most recently determined before the building permit was is-

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sued. In the fourth levy year subsequent to the levy year in which the building permit was issued, the increase in assessed value of the real estate parcels subject to such private development shall no longer be included in determining the special levy.

The aggregate of the foregoing amounts, less any costs of extending municipal services to new private industrial and nonresidential commercial development which are paid by bonded indebtedness or special assessments, equals the maximum amount that may be levied as a "special levy" for the increased costs of municipal services provided to new private industrial and nonresidential commercial development. In the levy year following the levy year in which the special levy made pursuant to this clause is discontinued, one-half of the amount of that special levy made in the preceding year shall be added to the permanent levy base of the governmental subdivision;

(o) recover a loss or refunds in tax receipts incurred in non-special levy funds resulting from abatements or court action in the previous year pursuant to section 275.48;

(p) pay amounts required by law to be paid to reduce unfunded accrued liability of public pension funds, including interest thereon, in accordance with the actuarial standards and guidelines specified in sections 69.71 to 69.776 and 356.215 reduced for levy year 1977 and subsequent years by 106 percent of the amount levied for that purpose in 1976, payable in 1977. For the purpose of this special levy, the estimated receipts expected from the state of Minnesota pursuant to sections 69.011 to 69.031 or any other state aid expressly intended for the support of public pension funds shall be considered as a deduction in determining the required levy for the normal costs of the public pension funds. No amount of these aids shall be considered as a deduction in determining the governmental subdivision's required levy for the reduction of the unfunded accrued liability of public pension funds.

Subd. 6. The cost to a governmental unit of implementing section 18.023, including sanitation and reforestation, as defined in section 18.023, subdivision 1, is a "special levy" and is not subject to tax levy limitations including those contained in sections 275.50 to 275.56 and in Laws 1969, Chapter 593, as amended by Laws 1974, Chapter 108, commencing with the levy made in 1976, payable in 1977, and terminating with the levy made in 1977, payable in 1978. A governmental subdivision may make a supplementary levy in 1977, payable in 1978, for all costs of implementing section 18.023 incurred in calendar year 1977 for which a levy was not made in 1976, payable in 1977. For the purpose of calculating the tax levy limit base under section 275.51, for levy year 1977, taxes payable 1978, there shall be subtracted from the levy limit base of any governmental subdivision an amount equal to 112 percent of the amount levied under section 18.023 in levy year 1974, taxes payable 1975, and included in the levy limit base of the governmental subdivision as a result of Laws 1975, Chapter 437.

[1977 c 90 s 11; 1977 c 423 art 5 s 1]

275.51 Levy limits.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 3b. [Repealed, 1977 c 423 art 5 s 7]

Subd. 3c. [Repealed, 1977 c 423 art 5 s 7]

Subd. 3d. The property tax levy limitation for governmental subdivisions in 1977 payable in 1978 and subsequent years shall be calculated as follows:

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(a) The sum of the following amounts shall be computed: (1) the property tax permitted to be levied in 1976 payable 1977 computed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 275.51, Subdivision 3c, plus

(2) the amount of any state aids the governmental subdivision was entitled to receive in calendar year 1977 pursuant to sections 477A.01; 298.26; 298.28, subdivisions 1 and 1a; 298.281, subdivision 1; 298.282; and 294.26, plus

(3) the amount levied in 1976 payable 1977 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 275.50, Subdivision 5, Clauses (a), (c), (d), and (e), except for levies made to pay tort judgments and make settlements of tort claims or to pay the salaries and benefits of municipal and probate court judges, plus

(4) one-half of the amount of the special levy authorized under section 275.50, subdivision 5, clause (n) shall be added to the permanent levy limit base of the governmental subdivision in the year following the year in which it has been discontinued as a special levy pursuant to the provisions of section 275.50, subdivision 5, clause (n).

(b) The sum computed in clause (a) shall be increased annually in the manner provided in section 275.52 to derive the levy limit base for successive years.

(c) For taxes levied in 1978 payable 1979 and subsequent years, the levy limit base is the levy limit base which was computed for the immediately preceding year under the provisions of this section increased according to the provisions of section 275.52. Any amount levied in 1976 payable 1977 under the provisions of section 275.50, subdivision 5, clauses (a), (c), (d) or (e) to meet the costs of programs, services or legal requirements which cease to exist in a subsequent year shall be subtracted from the levy limit base in the year in which the programs, services or legal requirements for which the levy was made cease to exist.

(d) The levy limit base shall be reduced by the total amount of state formula aids pursuant to section 477A.01 and taconite taxes and aids pursuant to sections 294.26; 298.26; 298.28, subdivision 1; and 298.282, to be paid in the calendar year in which property taxes are payable. The resulting figure is the amount of property taxes which a governmental subdivision may levy for all purposes other than those for which special levies and special assessments are made.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1976]

[1977 c 423 art 5 s 2]

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[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 2. The levy limit base, as adjusted for previous increases pursuant to this section, may be increased each year by the governing body of the governmental subdivision affected thereby in the amount not to exceed six percent of the previous year's levy limit base.

Subd. 3. If the population of any governmental subdivision increases from one year to the next, the current year's levy limit base shall, for purposes of sections 275.50 to 275.56, be increased by an amount equal to the levy limit base per capita for the previous year increased pursuant to subdivision 2 times the current year's population.

Subd. 4. The levy limit base of a governmental subdivision may be increased upon approval by the levy limit review board established in section 275.551, for the following reasons:

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(a) Any governmental subdivision which spent money from its surplus funds for nonspecial levy purposes in calendar year 1971 may have its levy limit base increased by an amount not to exceed the amount of revenue it used from surplus funds for nonspecial levy purposes in calendar year 1971.

(b) Any governmental subdivision which has been required to provide new services because of changes in state law, whether or not the changed law directly mandates new services, may have its levy limit base increased by an amount not to exceed the amount required to finance the services, provided that the services may not be financed by special levies or special assessments.

(c) Any governmental subdivision which has been required to provide new or expanded services because of annexations, consolidations, mergers or new incorporations since 1970 may have its levy limit base increased by an amount not to exceed the amount required to finance the general operating costs involved in such services.

(d) Any city or township having statutory city powers which has a levy limit base per capita that is below 80 percent of the arithmetic average of the levy limit bases per capita for cities and townships having statutory city powers in the same county may have its levy limit base increased by an amount not to exceed the amount required to bring its levy limit base per capita up to 80 percent of the arithmetic average of levy limit bases per capita for all cities and townships having statutory city powers in the county which are governed by the provisions of sections 275.50 to 275.59. On or before July 1 of 1977 and each subsequent year, the commissioner of revenue shall certify the average levy limit base per capita for each county for purposes of this clause. Provided that if a city or township having statutory powers has received a levy limit base adjustment from the levy limit review board prior to June 1, 1977, that city or township may also qualify for a base adjustment in accordance with this clause.

Any governmental subdivision which desires to have its levy limit base adjusted under the provisions of this subdivision shall apply to the commissioner of revenue, who shall submit all applications to the levy limit review board established in section 275.551. Applications shall be in the form and accompanied by the data required by the levy limit review board. Adjustments authorized by the levy limit review board shall become a permanent part of the levy limit base for the governmental subdivision. The levy limit review board may authorize only one levy limit base adjustment for any governmental subdivision under this subdivision.

Subd. 5. For taxes levied in 1977 payable in 1978 or for taxes levied in 1978 payable in 1979 a city other than a city of the first class, town, or county not containing a city of the first class which, in the preceding levy year, levied at least 98 percent of its total limited levy amount, may determine to levy in excess of the limitation provided in sections 275.50 to 275.56 by not to exceed 10 percent of its levy limit base by passing a resolution setting forth the amount by which the levy limit is proposed to be exceeded. The resolution shall be published for four successive weeks in the official newspaper of the governmental subdivision or if there is no official newspaper, in a newspaper of general circulation therein, together with a notice fixing a date for a public hearing on the proposed increase which hearing shall be held not less than four weeks nor more than six weeks after the first publication of the resolution. Following the public hearing, the governing body may determine to take no further action, or in the alternative, adopt a resolution authorizing the levy as originally proposed, or adopt a resolution approving a levy in such lesser amount as it so determines. The resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the governmental subdivision or if there is no official newspaper, in a newspaper of general circulation therein. If within 30 days thereafter, a petition signed by voters equal in number to five percent of the votes cast in the govern-

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mental subdivision in the last general election or 2,000 voters, whichever is less, requesting a referendum on the proposed resolution is filed with the clerk or recorder of the governmental subdivision if the governmental subdivision is a city or town, or with the county auditor if the governmental subdivision is a county, the resolution shall not be effective until it has been submitted to the voters at a general or special election and a majority of votes cast on the question of approving the resolution are in the affirmative. The commissioner of revenue shall prepare a suggested form of question to be presented at any such referendum. A levy increased pursuant to this subdivision, whether not challenged or approved at a referendum held at a special or general election held prior to October 1 in any levy year, increases the allowable levy in that same levy year and provides a permanent adjustment to the levy limit base of the governmental subdivision for future levy years. There shall be no reduction in distributions of formula aids to the governmental subdivision as a result of the additional levy.

[1977 c 423 art 5 s 3-6]

NOTE: Subdivision 5 was effective June 3, 1977.

275.53 Governing census.

Subdivision 1. For the purpose of determining the amount of tax that a governmental subdivision may levy in accordance with a per capita limitation established by this chapter or the amount of aid that a city or township may receive pursuant to section 477A.01, the population of the governmental subdivision shall be that established by the last state or federal census, or by a special census taken within the entire governmental subdivision pursuant to sections 275.50 to 275.56 or to any other law, by a census taken pursuant to subdivision 2, or by a population estimate made by the metropolitan council, by an order of the Minnesota municipal board pursuant to section 414.01, subdivision 14, or by an estimate made pursuant to subdivision 3, whichever is the most recent as to the stated date of count or estimate, up to and including October 1 of the current levy year. Population changes established after October 1 of the current levy year shall not be used in determining the levy limitation of a governmental subdivision for the current levy year under sections 275.50 to 275.56.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 3. (a) In lieu of passing a resolution pursuant to subdivision 2, the governing body of a governmental subdivision may pass by June 1 of any year a resolution containing an estimate of the current population of the subdivision. The resolution shall describe the criteria upon which the estimate is based, and shall state that the estimate is made for purposes of increasing that subdivision's tax levy pursuant to sections 275.50 to 275.56 or local government aids pursuant to section 477A.01. The resolution shall be in the form and accompanied by the data required by the state planning agency.

(b) The resolution shall then be submitted to the state planning agency. The agency shall determine, and inform the subdivision in writing within 30 days of receipt of the resolution, whether the criteria and process described therein do or do not provide a reasonable basis for the population estimate. The estimate prepared by the subdivision shall be reviewed by the state planning agency with reference to county population estimates prepared by the state demographer. The state demographer's county population estimates will be used as a county control.

(c) If the agency determines that the criteria and process used by the subdivision do not provide a reasonable basis for the population estimate, the resolution shall be of no effect. If the agency determines that the criteria do provide a reasonable basis for the population estimate, the resolution shall be published at least once in a legal newspaper of general circulation in said subdivision. Said estimate may be used for computing the amount of ad valorem taxes the subdivision may

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levy, unless within 30 days following the publication of the resolution, 10 percent or more of the registered voters of the subdivision, or if the subdivision does not require voter registration, then 10 percent or more of its voters, who voted at the subdivision's last election, sign a petition demanding a special census, and submit the petition to the governing body of the subdivision.

(d) Attached to the petition shall be an affidavit executed by the circulator or circulators thereof, stating that he or they personally circulated the petition, the number of signatures thereon, that all signatures were affixed in his or their presence and that he or they believe them to be genuine signatures of the persons whose names they purport to be. Each signature need not be notarized.

(e) Upon the receipt of a petition conforming to this subdivision, the governing body shall pass a resolution requesting the secretary of state to take a special census of the governmental subdivision. The census shall be taken and financed pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 2. Any population estimate made by the governing body of any governmental subdivision shall be superseded by any subsequent state or federal census taken pursuant to sections 275.50 to 275.56 or any other law, or by a population estimate made by the metropolitan council or the state demographer. The governing body of a governmental subdivision may not avail itself of the provisions of this subdivision during any year for which any state or federal census has been taken or for which the metropolitan council has made a population estimate of the subdivision.

[1977 c 423 art 6 s 1,2]

275.59 Governmental subdivisions under 2,500 population; exemption from levy limits.

Commencing with levy year 1975 and thereafter, taxes payable in 1976 and thereafter, the provisions of sections 275.50 to 275.52 and 275.54 to 275.56 shall not apply to any city, statutory city or town with statutory city powers whose population according to the latest state or federal census is under 2,500.

[1977 c 423 art 6 s 3]

CHAPTER 276. COLLECTION, ACCOUNTING, DISTRIBUTION

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276.01 Delivery of lists to treasurer.

On or before December 15 each year, the county auditor shall deliver the lists of the several districts of the county to the county treasurer, taking therefor his receipt, showing the total amount of taxes due upon the lists and showing, for qualified property, as defined in section 273.011, for which the credit provided for in section 273.012 is claimed, the base tax, as defined in section 273.011. Where the names of taxpayers appear in the property tax lists, the county auditor shall show the addresses of such taxpayers. Such lists shall be authority for the treasurer to receive and collect taxes therein levied.

In counties in which the auditor has elected to come under the provisions of section 273.03, subdivision 2, he shall, during the year in which such lists as provided for in section 275.28, subdivision 3, are in the possession of the county treasurer, have access thereto for the purposes of changing true and full valuations and the classifications of real estate contained therein which he would have been required to change or otherwise amend in the assessment books provided for in section 273.03, subdivision 1, except for his election to discontinue the preparation of such assessment books. The county auditor shall be the official custodian of such lists after the year during which they are in the county treasurer's possession.

[1977 c 423 art 4 s 6]

NOTE: This section shall be effective for taxable years 1977 payable 1978 and thereafter.