

477A.04 Assessment dispersion penalty.

Subdivision 1. To encourage the proper assessment of property an assessment dispersion penalty shall be imposed on assessment districts as provided in subdivision 2. Each city or town which employs a local assessor, either singly or jointly with other cities or towns, shall be considered an assessment district for purposes of this section. Any two or more cities or towns which enter into an agreement pursuant to section 471.59, for the assessment of property in the contracting units, shall for purposes of this section be a single assessment district. The balance of each county, including any city or town which contracts with the county for assessment of property therein, shall be deemed a single assessment district for purposes of this section.

The coefficient of dispersion shall be determined by the equalization aid review committee of the department of revenue. The coefficient of dispersion shall be determined on the assessor's market value before the limitation provided in section 273.11, subdivision 2. The population shall be the number of persons residing in the assessment district according to the 1970 federal census.

Subd. 2. Beginning in calendar year 1980 and subsequent years, an assessment district shall be penalized according to the following schedule:

(a) \$1 per capita if the coefficient of dispersion in assessments for the preceding year is more than 10 percent but less than 12.5 percent;

(b) \$3 per capita if the coefficient of dispersion in assessments for the preceding year is at least 12.5 percent but no more than 15 percent;

(c) \$5 per capita if the coefficient of dispersion in assessments for the preceding year is greater than 15 percent.

Subd. 3. The amount of penalty resulting from this section shall be deducted from the local government aid payments provided in section 477A.01.

[1977 c 423 art 6 s 13]

NOTE: This section was effective June 3, 1977.

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480.15 Powers and duties.

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Subd. 10a. The court administrator shall prepare uniform standards and procedures for the recruitment, evaluation, promotion, in-service training and discipline of all personnel in the court system other than judges, referees, judicial officers, court reporters and court services officers. The court administrator shall file a report on the uniform standards and procedures with the legislature by June 30, 1978.

Subd. 10b. The court administrator shall promulgate and administer uniform requirements for court budget and information systems, the compilation of statistical information, and the collection, storage and use of court records.

[For text of subd 11, see M.S.1976]

[1977 c 432 s 6]

480.17 SUPREME COURT

480.17 Judges, clerks, other officers, to comply with requests of court administrator and district administrators.

Subdivision 1. The judges and clerks of the courts and all other officers, state and local, shall comply with all requests made by the court administrator after approval by the chief justice, for information and statistical data bearing on the state of the dockets of such courts and such other information as may reflect the business transacted by them and the expenditure of public moneys for the maintenance and operation of the judicial system.

Subd. 2. The failure of a judge or state or local officer to comply with requests made by the court administrator pursuant to subdivision 1 is grounds for removal from office by the appointing authority. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to restrict the power of the district court to remove a clerk of court from office.

Subd. 3. Every clerk of court shall also comply with requests for statistical or other information made by the district administrator of the judicial district in which the clerk serves.

[1977 c 432 s 7]

480.18 Conference of judges; judge's expenses.

At least once each year the chief justice shall call a conference of the judges of the courts of record of this state for the consideration of matters relating to judicial business, the improvement of the judicial system, and the administration of justice. Each judge attending the annual judicial conference shall be entitled to be reimbursed for his necessary expenses to be paid from state appropriations made for the purposes of sections 480.13 to 480.20.

[1977 c 432 s 8]

480.22 Location of chambers.

The supreme court shall designate the location of chambers for judges of all courts in the state after consultation with the judges of the affected judicial district. Chambers locations set forth in section 2.722, subdivision 1, shall remain in effect until changed pursuant to this section.

[1977 c 432 s 9]

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

Subd. 2. **Proceedings.** Proceedings in such cases may be taken by the supreme court on its own motion, for matter within its knowledge, or upon accusation. Accusations may be made to the clerk of the supreme court and shall be investigated, prosecuted, heard and determined in accordance with rules which may be made, from time to time, by the supreme court. The supreme court may refer any accusation to any person, and such person shall have all the powers of a referee under the rules of civil procedure; objections to such referee may be filed within ten days of the appointment and shall be heard and determined by the supreme court. The referee shall report the evidence and, if directed by the supreme court, shall make findings thereon. Persons designated by the supreme court under the authority of this section shall be paid their necessary expenses and such compensation as shall be fixed by the supreme court. Officers and witnesses necessarily employed or called by the prosecution shall receive the fees and mileage allowed by law and the supreme court shall fix a reasonable compensation for the reporter. All expenses, fees and compensation herein authorized shall be paid upon itemized vouchers approved by one of the justices of the supreme court.

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

[1977 c 403 s 11]