

CHAPTER 134

LIBRARIES

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134.10 BOARD VACANCIES; COMPENSATION.

The library board president shall report vacancies in the board to the council or the board of county commissioners. The council or board of county commissioners shall fill the vacancies by appointment for the unexpired term. Library board members shall receive no compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary traveling expenses incurred in the discharge of library board duties and activities or a per diem allowance according to section 375.47 in place of the expenses.

History: 1987 c 398 art 9 s 1

134.33 ESTABLISHMENT GRANTS.

Subdivision 1. An establishment grant as described in section 134.32, subdivision 2, shall be made to any regional public library system for the first two state fiscal years after a board of county commissioners has contracted to join that system and has agreed that the county will provide the levels of support for public library service specified in this section. In the first year of participation, the county shall provide an amount of support equivalent to .3 mill times the adjusted assessed valuation of the taxable property of the county as determined by the commissioner of revenue for the second year preceding that calendar year or two-thirds of the per capita amount established under the provisions of section 134.34, subdivision 1, whichever amount is less. In the second year of participation and in each year thereafter, the county shall provide an amount of support equivalent to .4 mill times the adjusted assessed valuation of the taxable property of the county as determined by the commissioner of revenue for the second year preceding that calendar year or the per capita amount established under the provisions of section 134.34, subdivision 1, whichever is less. The minimum level of support shall be certified annually to the county by the department of education. In no event shall the department of education require any county to provide a higher level of support than the level of support specified in this section in order for a system to qualify for an establishment grant. This section shall not be construed to prohibit any county from providing a higher level of support for public libraries than the level of support specified in this section.

History: 1987 c 268 art 7 s 15

134.34 REGIONAL LIBRARY BASIC SYSTEM SUPPORT GRANTS; REQUIREMENTS.

Subdivision 1. A regional library basic system support grant shall be made to any regional public library system where there are at least three participating counties and where each participating city and county, except in the first year of participation as provided in section 134.33, is providing for public library service support the lesser of (a) an amount equivalent to .4 mill times the adjusted assessed valuation of the taxable property of that city or county, as determined by the commissioner of revenue for the second year preceding that calendar year or (b) a per capita amount calculated under the provisions of this subdivision. The per capita amount is established for calendar year 1980 as \$3. In succeeding calendar years, the per capita amount shall be increased by a percentage equal to one-half of the percentage by which the total state adjusted assessed valuation of property as determined by the commissioner of revenue for the second year preceding that calendar year increases over that total adjusted assessed

valuation for the third year preceding that calendar year. The minimum level of support shall be certified annually to the participating cities and counties by the department of education. A city which is a part of a regional public library system shall not be required to provide this level of support if the property of that city is already taxable by the county for the support of that regional public library system. In no event shall the department of education require any city or county to provide a higher level of support than the level of support specified in this section in order for a system to qualify for a regional library basic system support grant. This section shall not be construed to prohibit a city or county from providing a higher level of support for public libraries than the level of support specified in this section.

Subd. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 134.33 and subdivision 1 of this section, after the second year of participation by a city or county, the dollar amount of the minimum level of support for that city or county shall not be required to increase by more than ten percent over the dollar amount of the minimum level of support required of it in the previous year. If a participating city or county which has been providing for public library service support in an amount equivalent to .67 mill times the assessed valuation of the taxable property of that city or county for the year preceding that calendar year would be required to increase the dollar amount of such support by more than ten percent to reach the equivalent of .4 mill times the adjusted assessed valuation of the taxable property of that participating city or county as determined by the commissioner of revenue for the second year preceding that calendar year or the per capita amount calculated under the provisions of subdivision 1, it shall only be required to increase the dollar amount of such support by ten percent per year until such time as it reaches an amount equivalent to .4 mill times the adjusted assessed valuation of that taxable property as determined by the commissioner of revenue for the second year preceding that calendar year or the per capita amount calculated under the provisions of subdivision 1.

[For text of subs 3 to 5, see M.S.1986]

History: 1987 c 268 art 7 s 16,17

134.341 COUNTY FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

To ensure the availability of public library service to all people, every county shall provide financial support for public library services at no less than minimum amounts as specified in sections 134.33 and 134.34 and shall participate in the regional public library system to which it is assigned by the state board of education under section 134.34, subdivision 3. Each county board of commissioners shall appoint at least one county resident to serve as a representative on the regional public library system board and may appoint more than one representative under terms and conditions of the regional public library system contract.

History: 1987 c 398 art 9 s 2

NOTE: This section, as added by Laws 1987, chapter 398, article 9, section 2, is effective beginning with the levies certified in 1989 and for regional library system participation payments beginning January 1, 1990. See Laws 1987, chapter 398, article 9, section 4.

134.41 LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION; JOINT FINANCING.

Subdivision 1. **Local government unit defined.** For purposes of this section, the term "local government unit" means a home rule charter or statutory city, county, or town.

Subd. 2. **Powers.** A local government unit may agree with other local government units to subject taxable property within their boundaries to taxation to discharge debt incurred for the construction of a library and related facilities. The portion of the debt to be discharged by taxation in each unit must be set by agreement. A unit may also agree to discharge a portion of the costs of construction or debt incurred for the costs by a transfer of money available to the unit that the unit is not obliged by law to use for some other purpose. A proposed agreement that has a town as a party must be

approved at the town's annual meeting by the electors before the agreement is effective. Obligations for the purpose may be issued jointly by the agreeing units without an election and are not subject to the general limit on net debt in any unit. In other respects, the debt must be incurred and discharged in accordance with chapter 475.

History: 1987 c 380 art 2 s 1