

CHAPTER 375

COUNTY BOARDS

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375.025 COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS.

Subdivision 1. **Standards.** The redistricting plan in use in a county shall be used until a new plan is adopted in accordance with this section. Each county shall be divided into as many districts numbered consecutively as it has members of the county board. Commissioner districts shall be bounded by town, municipal, ward, or precinct lines. Each district shall be composed of contiguous territory as regular and compact in form as practicable, depending upon the geography of the county involved and shall be as nearly equal in population as possible. No district shall vary in population more than ten percent from the average for all districts in the county, unless the result forces a voting precinct to be split. A majority of the least populous districts shall contain not less than a majority of the population of the county. A county may be redistricted by the county board after each federal census. When it appears after a federal census that the districts of the county are not in accord with the standards set forth in this subdivision, the county shall be redistricted by the county board within the times set in section 204B.135, subdivision 2. Before acting to redistrict, the county board, or a redistricting commission if one is appointed, shall publish three weeks notice of its purpose, stating the time and place of the meeting where the matter will be considered, in the newspaper having the contract to publish the commissioners' proceedings for the county for the current year.

[For text of subs 2 to 4, see M.S.1986]

History: 1987 c 297 s 3

375.21 CONTRACTS OF COUNTY BOARDS.

Subdivision 1. When required by the dollar limitations of section 471.345, a contract for work or labor, or to purchase furniture, fixtures, or other property, or to construct or repair roads, bridges, or buildings shall be made by a county board only after advertising for bids or proposals in a qualified legal newspaper of the county. For the purchase of property or for work and labor, two weeks published notice that proposals will be received, stating the time and place, shall be given. For the construction or repair of roads, bridges, or buildings, three weeks published notice shall be given. The notice shall state the time and place of awarding the contract and contain a brief description of the work. Every contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder and duly executed in writing. The person to whom it is awarded shall give a sufficient bond to the board for its faithful performance. If no satisfactory bid is received, the board may readvertise.

An advertised standard requirement price contract for supplies or services established by competitive bids may contain an escalation clause and may provide for a negotiated price increase or decrease. The escalation or negotiated change shall be based upon a demonstrable industrywide or regional increase or decrease in the vendor's costs.

Every contract made without compliance with this section is void.

In case of an emergency arising from the destruction or impassability of roads or bridges by floods, rain or snow, or other casualty, or from the breaking or damaging of any property in the county, if the public health, safety, or welfare would suffer by delay, contracts for purchase or repairs may be made without advertising for bids, but in that case the action of the board shall be recorded in its official proceedings.

History: 1987 c 164 s 2

375.48 COUNTY COORDINATOR.

Subdivision 1. **Appointment; qualifications.** Notwithstanding sections 375A.01 and 375A.12, a county board may employ a county coordinator upon terms it considers advisable. It may assign whatever title to the county coordinator that it decides is appropriate. It may appropriate funds and provide suitable office space for the office. The county board shall set the salary of the county coordinator. The coordinator shall be chosen solely on the basis of training, experience and administrative qualifications and need not be a resident of the county at the time of appointment. The county coordinator serves at the pleasure of the board and employment may be terminated by the board without notice. The board may provide for a termination allowance.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1986]

History: 1987 c 164 s 3