

CHAPTER 8

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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The attorney general in consultation with the commissioner of finance shall assess executive branch agencies a fee for legal services rendered to them, except that the attorney general may not assess the department of human rights for legal representation on behalf of complaining parties who have filed a charge of discrimination with the department. The assessment against appropriations from other than the general fund must be the full cost of providing the services. The assessment against appropriations supported by fees must be included in the fee calculation. The assessment against appropriations from the general fund not supported by fees must be one-half of the cost of providing the services. An amount equal to the general fund receipts in the even-numbered year of the biennium is appropriated to the attorney general for each year of the succeeding biennium. All other receipts from assessments must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the general fund.

The attorney general in consultation with the commissioner of finance shall assess political subdivisions fees to cover half the cost of legal services rendered to them; except that the attorney general may not assess a county any fee for legal services rendered in connection with a psychopathic personality commitment proceeding under section 526.10 for which the attorney general assumes responsibility under section 8.01.

History: 1993 c 192 s 36

8.16 ATTORNEY GENERAL; ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENAS.

Subdivision 1. **Authority.** The attorney general, or any deputy, assistant, or special assistant attorney general whom the attorney general authorizes in writing, has the authority in any county of the state to subpoena and require the production of any records of telephone companies, cellular phone companies, paging companies, electric companies, gas companies, water utilities, chemical suppliers, hotels and motels, pawn shops, airlines, buses, taxis, and other entities engaged in the business of transporting people, and freight companies, self-service storage facilities, warehousing companies, package delivery companies, and other entities engaged in the businesses of transport, storage, or delivery, and records of the existence of safe deposit box account numbers and customer savings and checking account numbers maintained by financial institutions and safe deposit companies. Subpoenas may only be issued for records that are relevant to an ongoing legitimate law enforcement investigation.

[For text of subds 2 to 6, see M.S. 1992]

History: 1993 c 326 art 7 s 1