

CHAPTER 376

HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES

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376.03 [Repealed, 2001 c 214 s 49].

376.06 SUPERINTENDENT, HOSPITAL BOARD; DUTIES.

Subdivision 1. **Procedure, powers, pay, election.** A county board which has purchased and constructed buildings for hospital purposes may operate these buildings as a hospital and may appoint a superintendent. The board shall set the superintendent's salary, term of employment, and powers and duties; provide for the management and operation of the hospital; and operate, control, and manage the hospital. The superintendent shall serve at the pleasure of the board. If the board determines that it is in the public interest, it may appoint a hospital board of at least three, but not more than nine members, who may include some or all of the county commissioners except as otherwise provided in subdivision 2. Persons appointed to the hospital board must reside in the hospital's service area and 80 percent of the board members, including any commissioners appointed to serve on the hospital board, must be residents of the county. The hospital board serves without compensation unless the county board authorizes the payment of compensation and reimbursement of expenses for service on the hospital board. Notwithstanding section 375.44, if compensation and reimbursement are authorized, they shall be the same as authorized for service on the local social services agency. Subject to its supervision, the county board may commit the care, management, and operation of the hospital to the hospital board. The county board may provide for the organization and regulation of the hospital board, its duties and the duties of the members, and regulations for the management, operation, and control of the hospital. The county board may lease the hospital grounds and buildings to a nonprofit or governmental hospital organization for terms it considers advisable.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.2000]

History: 2001 c 214 s 5

376.07 CHANGES TO COUNTY HOSPITAL BUILDINGS; FINANCING.

(a) The county board, hospital board, or board of directors of a nonprofit or governmental hospital organization that has leased a county hospital may authorize the remodeling, improvement, alteration, or construction of an addition to the county hospital or of another building on the county hospital's existing premises by a majority vote of the board.

(b) Financing for any project under this section is governed by other law, including sections 373.40 and 447.45 and chapter 475.

History: 2001 c 214 s 6

376.08 COUNTIES OF NOT MORE THAN 50,000; HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES.

Subdivision 1. **County appropriations.** Except as provided in subdivision 2, the board of county commissioners in any county with a population of 50,000 or less may appropriate up to \$65,000 annually from the general revenue fund of the county for the acquisition of lands for hospital purposes, and the construction, improvement, alterations, equipment and maintenance of hospitals within the county, including public or nonprofit hospitals that are not county hospitals. The board may also appropriate up to

\$25,000 from the general revenue fund of the county for the acquisition of land and construction of municipally owned nursing homes within the county.

Subd. 2. Hospital remodeling or additions; financing. A county hospital may by majority vote of its board of commissioners, or if the hospital has been leased to another entity under section 376.06, subdivision 1, or 447.47, by majority vote of the board of directors of that entity, enter into projects for the construction of an addition or remodeling to its presently existing facility or the acquisition of equipment as described in this subdivision without complying with the dollar limitation of subdivision 1 or the election requirements of section 376.03. This subdivision applies to projects in which the funds for the project are derived from dedicated, restricted, or other designated accounts, from the hospital's depreciation fund, or from the issuance of bonds authorized under other law. An addition to a current hospital under this subdivision may include construction of buildings physically separate from the present hospital building, as well as additions to the present building, if the new buildings are constructed on the hospital's existing premises.

This subdivision does not affect the ability of the hospital board to approve funds for improvements or remodeling of a hospital facility under other law.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.2000]

History: 2001 c 214 s 7,8

376.09 HOSPITAL AID BY COUNTY WITH LEASED OR NO COUNTY HOSPITAL.

In any county in which there is no county hospital, or a county hospital is leased to a nonprofit or governmental hospital organization pursuant to section 376.06, subdivision 1, or 447.47, the county board may appropriate and pay money from the general fund of the county, for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a private, nonprofit, or public hospital in the county for the treatment of sick, diseased, and injured persons. Admission preference shall always be given to patients who are, in whole or in part, public charges, and are sent to the hospital by the county board.

History: 2001 c 214 s 9