

**275.27 CONTRACTS IN EXCESS VOID; LIABILITY OF OFFICERS.**

It shall be unlawful for the authorities of any county, town, city, or school district, unless expressly authorized by law, to contract any debt or incur any pecuniary liability for the payment of either the principal or the interest of which, during the current or any subsequent year, it shall be necessary to levy a rate of taxes higher than the maximum prescribed by law. Every such contract shall be null and void in regard to any obligation thereby sought to be imposed upon such corporation; but every officer, agent, or member thereof who participates in or authorizes the making of such contract shall be individually liable for its performance. Every such officer or agent who is present when such contract is made or authorized shall be deemed to participate in or authorize the making thereof, as the case may be, unless the officer or agent enter or cause to be entered a dissent therefrom in the records of such corporation.

**History:** (2070) *RL s 874; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1986 c 444*