

**471.96 MEMBERS OF CIVIC EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Dues, expenses.** The governing bodies of cities, counties, and towns are hereby authorized to appropriate necessary funds to provide membership of their respective municipal corporations or political subdivisions respectively in county, regional, state, and national associations of a civic, educational, or governmental nature which have as their purpose the betterment and improvement of municipal governmental operations. Cities, counties, and towns are also authorized to participate through duly designated representatives in the meetings and activities of such associations, and the governing bodies of cities, counties, and towns respectively are authorized to appropriate necessary funds to defray the actual and necessary expenses of such representatives in connection therewith. For purposes of this section, the governing body of a town is the town board.

Subd. 2. **Common law unaffected.** This section does not affect any statutory, charter or common law power of cities to provide for membership in and to participate through duly designated representatives in the meetings and activities of state and national associations, nor the power to appropriate money therefor.

**History:** 1961 c 714 s 1; 1963 c 529 s 1,2; 1967 c 329 s 1; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1975 c 288 s 1; 1987 c 90 s 10