117.232 DIRECT PURCHASE.

Subdivision 1. **Reimbursement for appraisal fees; moving costs.** When acquisition of private property is accomplished by the state Department of Transportation by direct purchase the owner shall be entitled to reimbursement for appraisal fees, not to exceed a total of $1,500. When acquisition of private property is accomplished by any other acquiring authority, the owner is entitled to reimbursement for appraisal fees, not to exceed $1,500, if the owner is otherwise entitled to reimbursement under sections 117.50 to 117.56. The purchaser in all instances shall inform the owner of the right, if any, to reimbursement for appraisal fees reasonably incurred, in an amount not to exceed $1,500, together with relocation costs, moving costs and any other related expenses to which an owner is entitled by sections 117.50 to 117.56. This subdivision does not apply to acquisition for utility purposes made by a public service corporation organized pursuant to section 301B.01 or electric cooperative associations organized pursuant to chapter 308A.

Subd. 2. **Rejection of offer for appraisal fees and moving costs.** In the event the purchaser and owner agree on the fair market value of the property but cannot agree on the appraisal fees and moving costs, the owner shall have the option to accept the offer for the property and reject the offer for the appraisal fees and moving costs. In addition thereto, the owner may, after due notice to all interested parties, bring a motion at a special term of the district court in the county in which the property is located for a determination of such moving costs and appraisal fees by the court.

History: *1971 c 595 s 28; 1975 c 175 s 2; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1984 c 654 art 3 s 50; 1986 c 444; 1989 c 144 art 2 s 2; 1Sp2003 c 19 art 2 s 4; 2005 c 69 art 3 s 16*