

PUBLIC HOSPITALS (EXCERPT)
Act 350 of 1913

331.154 Board of trustees; oath; organization; officers; compensation; powers and duties; moneys; legal advisor; meetings; record; quorum; pecuniary interest; board as body corporate; suits; borrowing; bonds.

Sec. 4. The trustees shall within 10 days after their appointment qualify by taking the oath of civil officers, and organize as a board of hospital trustees by the election of 1 of their number as chairman, 1 as secretary, and by the election of such other officer as they may deem necessary, but no bond shall be required of them. The county treasurer of the county in which such hospital is located shall be treasurer of the board of trustees. The treasurer shall receive and pay out all the moneys under the control of the board as ordered by it, but shall receive no compensation from such board. Each trustee may receive such compensation as shall be established by the county board of commissioners for his services in attending meetings of the board, and not to exceed 10 cents per mile for each mile necessarily traveled in going to and returning from the place of meeting each day the board is in session, when the rate of compensation and mileage as herein provided is approved by the board of commissioners, and such other necessary expenses as shall be allowed by the board of commissioners. The board of hospital trustees shall make and adopt such bylaws and rules for its own guidance and for the government of the hospital as may be deemed expedient for the economic and equitable conduct thereof not inconsistent with this act, and the ordinances of the city or town wherein such public hospital is located. It shall have the exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected to the credit of the hospital fund, and of the purchase of sites, the purchase or construction of any hospital building, and of the supervision, care and custody of the grounds, rooms or buildings purchased, constructed, leased or set apart for that purpose. All moneys received for such hospital shall be deposited in the treasury of the county to the credit of the hospital fund, and paid out only upon warrants drawn by the auditor of the county or by the county clerk in counties not having a county auditor upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the hospital board. The board of hospital trustees shall appoint a chief executive officer, who shall be its direct representative in the management of the hospital. The board of trustees may appoint an attorney to serve as its legal advisor. The board shall in general carry out the spirit and intent of this act in establishing and maintaining a public county hospital with equal rights to all and privileges to none. The board of hospital trustees shall hold meetings at least once each month, shall keep a complete record of all its proceedings and 4 members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. One of the trustees shall visit and examine the hospital at least twice each month and the board shall, no later than the first week in October of each year, file with the board of commissioners of the county a report of its proceedings with reference to the hospital, and a statement of all receipts and expenditures during the year; and shall at such times certify the amount necessary to maintain and improve the hospital for the ensuing year. No trustee shall have a personal pecuniary interest either directly or indirectly in the purchase of any supplies, equipment and other materials of a cost more than \$500.00 per annum for said hospital, unless the same are purchased by competitive bidding.

Each board shall constitute a body corporate and may sue and be sued. It shall be lawful for the board to borrow a sum of money equal to 3/4 the amount due or owing the county from the state in accordance with section 9 of Act No. 177 of the Public Acts of 1925, as amended, being section 332.159 of the Compiled Laws of 1948, and to issue bonds or notes therefor to be repaid from the receipt from the state of such amount due or owing the county.

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Compiler's note: For provisions of section 9 of Act 177 of 1925, referred to in this section, see MCL 332.159.