

327I.14 Authority as public instrumentality.

The authority is performing a public function on behalf of the state and is a public instrumentality of the state. Income of the authority and all properties owned by or leased to the authority are exempt from all taxation in the state of Iowa. This chapter does not exempt from taxation properties comprising railway facilities financially assisted under this chapter which are owned by persons other than the authority except those leased to the authority. However, properties owned by the authority which are leased or rented to a private person shall include as part of the rates, rents, fees or charges payable by that person a sum equal to the amount of tax, determined by applying the tax rate of the taxing district to the assessed value of the property, which the state, county, city, school district or other political subdivision would receive if the property were owned by a private person, any other statute to the contrary notwithstanding. This sum shall be distributed to each taxing district based upon its tax equivalent. For purposes of arriving at that tax equivalent, the property shall be valued and assessed by the assessor in whose jurisdiction the property is located, in accordance with chapter 441, but the authority, the lessee or renter on behalf of the authority, and other persons as are authorized by chapter 441 shall be entitled to protest any assessment and take appeals in the same manner as any taxpayer. The valuations shall be included in any summation of valuations in the taxing district for all purposes known to the law. Income from this source shall be considered under the provisions of section 384.16, subsection 1, paragraph "b".

[C81, § 307B.14; 81 Acts 2nd Ex, ch 3, § 16]

C93, § 327I.14