

## CHAPTER 312

### ROAD USE TAX FUND

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#### 312.1 Fund created.

1. There is hereby created, in the state treasury, a road use tax fund. The road use tax fund shall include all of the following:

- a. All the net proceeds of the registration of motor vehicles under chapter 321.
- b. All the net proceeds of the motor fuel tax or license fees under chapter 452A.
- c. Revenue derived from the excise tax imposed upon the rental of automobiles, under chapter 423C, to the extent provided by section 321.145, subsection 2.
- d. Revenue derived from the use tax collected under sections 423.26 and 423.26A, to the extent provided under section 321.145, subsection 2.
- e. Any other funds which may by law be credited to the road use tax fund.

2. Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest or earnings on investments or time deposits of the moneys in the road use tax fund and the funds to which moneys from the road use tax fund are credited shall be credited to the road use tax fund.

[C50, §308A.1; C54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §312.1; 82 Acts, ch 1100, §17]

88 Acts, ch 1019, §2; 89 Acts, ch 293, §9; 90 Acts, ch 1235, §7; 92 Acts, ch 1006, §1; 92 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 1001, §203; 2003 Acts, 1st Ex, ch 2, §161, 205; 2006 Acts, ch 1142, §83; 2008 Acts, ch 1113, §32; 2010 Acts, ch 1108, §2, 15

[P] See §321.145

#### 312.2 Allocations from fund.

1. The treasurer of state shall, on the first day of each month, credit all road use tax funds which have been received by the treasurer, to the primary road fund, the secondary road fund of the counties, the farm-to-market road fund, and the street construction fund of cities in the following manner and amounts:

- a. To the primary road fund, forty-seven and one-half percent.
- b. To the secondary road fund of the counties, twenty-four and one-half percent.
- c. To the farm-to-market road fund, eight percent.
- d. To the street construction fund of the cities, twenty percent.

2. The treasurer of state shall before making the allotments in subsection 1 credit annually to the highway grade crossing safety fund the sum of seven hundred thousand dollars, credit annually from the road use tax fund the sum of nine hundred thousand dollars to the highway railroad grade crossing surface repair fund, credit monthly to the primary road fund the dollars yielded from an allotment of sixty-five hundredths of one percent of all road use tax funds for the express purpose of carrying out subsection 11 of section 307A.2, section 313.4, subsection 2, and section 307.45, and credit annually to the primary road fund the sum of five hundred thousand dollars to be used for paying expenses incurred by the state department of transportation other than expenses incurred for extensions of primary roads in cities. All unobligated funds provided by this subsection, except those funds credited to the highway grade crossing safety fund, shall at the end of each year revert to the road use tax fund. Funds

in the highway grade crossing safety fund shall not revert to the road use tax fund except to the extent they exceed five hundred thousand dollars at the end of any biennium. The cost of each highway railroad grade crossing repair project shall be allocated in the following manner:

- a. Twenty percent of the project cost shall be paid by the railroad company.
- b. Twenty percent of the project cost shall be paid by the highway authority having jurisdiction of the road crossing the railroad.
- c. Sixty percent of the project cost shall be paid from the highway railroad grade crossing surface repair fund.

3. The treasurer of state shall before making the allotments provided for in this section credit monthly to the state department of transportation funds sufficient in amount to pay the costs of purchasing certificate of title and registration forms, and supplies and materials and for the cost of prison labor used in manufacturing motor vehicle registration plates, decalcomania emblems, and validation stickers at the prison industries.

4. The treasurer of state, before making the allotments provided in this section, shall credit annually to the primary road fund from the road use tax fund the sum of seven million one hundred thousand dollars.

5. a. The treasurer of state, before making any allotments to counties under this section, shall reduce the allotment to a county for the secondary road fund by the amount by which the total funds that the county transferred or provided during the prior fiscal year under section 331.429, subsection 1, paragraphs "a", "b", "d", and "e", are less than seventy-five percent of the sum of the following:

(1) From the general fund of the county, the dollar equivalent of a tax of sixteen and seven-eighths cents per thousand dollars of assessed value on all taxable property in the county.

(2) From the rural services fund of the county, the dollar equivalent of a tax of three dollars and three-eighths of a cent per thousand dollars of assessed value on all taxable property not located within the corporate limits of a city in the county.

b. Funds remaining in the secondary road fund of the counties due to a reduction of allocations to counties for failure to maintain a minimum local tax effort shall be reallocated to counties that are not reduced under this subsection pursuant to the allocation provisions of section 312.3, subsection 1, based upon the needs and area of the county. Information necessary to make allocations under this subsection shall be provided by the state department of transportation or the director of the department of management upon request by the treasurer of state.

6. The treasurer of state, before making the allotments provided for in this section, shall credit annually to the living roadway trust fund created under section 314.21 one hundred fifty thousand dollars from the road use tax fund.

7. The treasurer of state, before making the other allotments provided for in this section, shall credit annually to the primary road fund from the road use tax fund the sum of four million four hundred thousand dollars and to the farm-to-market road fund from the road use tax fund the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars for partial compensation of allowing trucks to operate on the roads of this state as provided in section 321.463.

8. The treasurer of state, before making the allotments provided for in this section, shall credit annually to the living roadway trust fund created under section 314.21 one hundred thousand dollars from the road use tax fund.

9. The treasurer of state, before making the allotments provided for in this section, shall credit monthly from the road use tax fund to the revitalize Iowa's sound economy fund, created under section 315.2, the revenue accruing to the road use tax fund in the amount equal to the revenues collected under each of the following:

a. From the excise tax on motor fuel and special fuel imposed under the tax rate of section 452A.3 except aviation gasoline, the amount of excise tax collected from one and three-fourths cents per gallon.

b. From the excise tax on special fuel for diesel engines, the amount of excise tax collected from one and three-fourths cents per gallon.

10. The treasurer of state, before making the allotments provided for in this section, shall

credit monthly from the road use tax fund to the secondary road fund the revenue accruing to the road use tax fund in the amount equal to the revenues collected under each of the following:

a. From the excise tax on motor fuel and special fuel imposed under the tax rate of section 452A.3, except aviation gasoline, the amount of excise tax collected from one-fourth cent per gallon.

b. From the excise tax on special fuel for diesel engines, the amount of excise tax collected from one-fourth cent per gallon.

11. The treasurer of state, before making the allotments provided for in this section, shall credit monthly from the road use tax fund to the state department of transportation for county, city, and state traffic safety improvement projects an amount equal to one-half of one percent of moneys credited to the road use tax fund.

12. a. The treasurer of state, before making the allotments provided for in this section, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1990, and each succeeding fiscal year, shall credit from the road use tax fund two million dollars to the county bridge construction fund, which is hereby created. Moneys credited to the county bridge construction fund shall be allocated to counties by the department for bridge construction, reconstruction, replacement, or realignment based on needs in accordance with rules adopted by the department.

b. The treasurer of state, before making the allotments provided for in this section, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1990, and each succeeding fiscal year, shall credit from the road use tax fund five hundred thousand dollars to the city bridge construction fund, which is hereby created. Moneys credited to the city bridge construction fund shall be allocated to cities by the department for bridge construction and reconstruction based on needs in accordance with rules adopted by the department.

13. The treasurer of state, before making the allotments provided for in this section, shall credit annually from the road use tax fund to the state department of transportation the sum of six hundred fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of providing county treasurers with automation and telecommunications equipment and support for vehicle registration and titling and driver licensing. Notwithstanding section 8.33, unobligated funds credited under this subsection remaining on June 30 of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for expenditure for purposes of this subsection in subsequent fiscal years.

14. The treasurer of state, before making the allotments provided for in this section, shall credit monthly from the road use tax fund to the primary road fund an amount equal to ten percent of the revenues collected from the operation of section 321.105A, subsection 2, to be used for the commercial and industrial highway network.

15. a. The treasurer of state, before making the allotments provided for in this section, shall credit monthly to the TIME-21 fund created in section 312A.2, an amount equal to ten dollars from each fee for issuance of a certificate of title collected pursuant to sections 321.20; 321.20A; 321.23; 321.42; 321.46, other than a title issued for a returned vehicle under section 322G.12; section 321.47; and section 321.109 and an amount equal to eight dollars from each fee collected for issuance of a certificate of title pursuant to section 321.46 for a returned vehicle under section 322G.12 and from each fee collected for issuance of a salvage certificate of title pursuant to section 321.52.

b. This subsection is repealed June 30, 2028.

16. a. The treasurer of state, before making the allotments provided for in this section, shall credit monthly to the TIME-21 fund created in section 312A.2 the following amounts:

(1) One-half of the amount received by the treasurer from trailer registration fees pursuant to section 321.123, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (1).

(2) Two-thirds of the amount received by the treasurer from trailer registration fees collected pursuant to section 321.123, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2).

(3) One-third of the amount received by the treasurer from trailer registration fees collected pursuant to section 321.123, subsection 2.

b. This subsection is repealed June 30, 2028.

17. a. The treasurer of state, before making the allotments provided for in this section, shall credit annually to the TIME-21 fund created in section 312A.2, the revenue accruing to the road use tax fund from annual motor vehicle registration fees for passenger cars,

multipurpose vehicles, and motor trucks in excess of three hundred ninety-two million dollars annually.

b. This subsection is repealed June 30, 2028.

[C50, §308A.2, 422.62; C54, 58, 62, 66, §312.2, 422.62; C71, 73, §312.2, 422.69(2); C75, 77, 79, 81, S81, §312.2; 81 Acts, ch 117, §1046]

83 Acts, ch 123, §116, 208, 209; 83 Acts, ch 198, §18, 19, 20; 84 Acts, ch 1178, §5; 84 Acts, ch 1305, §46; 84 Acts, ch 1309, §10; 85 Acts, ch 231, §1; 87 Acts, ch 115, §47; 87 Acts, ch 206, §1; 87 Acts, ch 232, §19, 20; 88 Acts, ch 1019, §3, 4; 88 Acts, ch 1089, §2; 88 Acts, ch 1134, §66; 88 Acts, ch 1205, §1; 88 Acts, ch 1278, §28 – 30; 89 Acts, ch 246, §1, 2; 89 Acts, ch 293, §10 – 13; 90 Acts, ch 1230, §5; 90 Acts, ch 1267, §30; 91 Acts, ch 258, §43; 91 Acts, ch 260, §1223, 1224; 91 Acts, ch 264, §906; 91 Acts, ch 268, §512, 513; 92 Acts, ch 1212, §28; 92 Acts, ch 1238, §26; 93 Acts, ch 131, §10, 11; 93 Acts, ch 180, §75; 94 Acts, ch 1023, §102; 94 Acts, ch 1107, §50; 96 Acts, ch 1218, §36; 98 Acts, ch 1073, §9; 98 Acts, ch 1075, §11; 98 Acts, ch 1212, §6; 99 Acts, ch 114, §18; 2001 Acts, ch 180, §5; 2002 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 1002, §3, 4; 2003 Acts, 1st Ex, ch 2, §162, 205; 2007 Acts, ch 200, §6; 2008 Acts, ch 1113, §1, 11, 12, 21, 22, 25, 33, 34; 2009 Acts, ch 130, §19, 37; 2009 Acts, ch 133, §114

[P] Legislative intent that moneys directed to be deposited in road use tax fund under §312.1 not be used for loans, grants, or other financial assistance for passenger rail service; 2000 Acts, ch 1168, §4

### **312.2A Repealed by 96 Acts, ch 1218, § 70.**

### **312.3 Apportionment to counties and cities.**

The treasurer of state shall, on the first day of each month:

1. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, apportion among the counties the road use tax funds credited to the secondary road fund by using the allocation method contained in section 312.3, subsection 1, Code 2005. For subsequent fiscal years, apportion among the counties the road use tax funds credited to the secondary road fund by using the distribution methodology adopted pursuant to section 312.3C.

2. a. Apportion among the cities of the state, in the ratio which the population of each city, as shown by the latest available federal census, bears to the total population of all such cities in the state, the percentage of the road use tax funds which is credited to the street construction fund of the cities, and shall remit to the city clerk of each such city the amount so apportioned to such city. A city may have one special federal census taken each decade, and the population figure thus obtained shall be used in apportioning amounts under this subsection beginning the calendar year following the year in which the special census is certified by the secretary of state.

b. The apportionment of moneys from the street construction fund of the cities to a city with a farm-to-market extension under county jurisdiction pursuant to section 306.4 shall be reduced in the proportion which the share of mileage of the farm-to-market extension bears to the total mileage of streets within the city. The amount of moneys by which the apportionment to the city is reduced shall be transferred to the secondary road fund of the respective county, to be used only for the maintenance or construction of roads under the county's jurisdiction, and all interest and earnings on the moneys transferred shall remain in the secondary road fund of the county, to be used for the same purposes.

c. The apportionment of moneys from the transfer of jurisdiction fund pursuant to section 313.4, subsection 6, paragraph "b", subparagraph (1), to a city with a street under county jurisdiction pursuant to section 306.4, subsection 3, shall be transferred to the secondary road fund of the respective county.

3. In any case where a city has been incorporated since the latest available federal census the mayor and council shall certify to the state treasurer the actual population of such incorporated city as of the date of incorporation and its apportionment of funds under this section shall be based upon such certification until the next federal census enumeration. Any community which has dissolved its corporation shall not receive any apportionment of funds under this certificate for any period after said corporation has been dissolved.

4. In any case where a city has annexed any territory since the last available federal census or special federal census, the mayor and council shall certify to the treasurer of state the actual

population of such annexed territory as determined by the last certified federal census of said territory and the apportionment of funds under this section shall be based upon the population of said city as modified by the certification of the population of the annexed territory until the next federal or special federal census enumeration.

5. In any case where two or more cities have consolidated, the apportionment of funds under this section shall be based upon the population of the city resulting from said consolidation and shall be determined by combining the population of all cities involved in the consolidation as determined by the last available federal or special federal census enumeration for said consolidating city.

[C50, §308A.3; C54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §312.3; 81 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 2, §3]

84 Acts, ch 1219, §18; 90 Acts, ch 1267, §31; 91 Acts, ch 258, §44; 92 Acts, ch 1100, §3; 92 Acts, ch 1238, §27, 46; 94 Acts, ch 1023, §103; 2002 Acts, ch 1063, §9, 16; 2003 Acts, ch 144, §6; 2005 Acts, ch 142, §2

[P] See §310.1

### **312.3A Street research fund.**

Prior to the allocation to the cities under section 312.3, subsection 2, the department is authorized to set aside each year two hundred thousand dollars from the street construction fund of the cities in a fund to be known as the street research fund. The street research fund shall be used by the department solely for the purpose of financing engineering studies and research projects which have as their objective the more efficient use of funds and materials that are available for the construction and maintenance of city streets, including city street bridges and culverts. The research projects and engineering studies authorized shall be conducted in cooperation with the city engineers. On or before January 31 each year the department shall file a report with the governor, state transportation commission, city engineers, chief clerk of the house of representatives, and secretary of the senate showing the work accomplished and projects undertaken under this section.

89 Acts, ch 293, §14

### **312.3B Iowa county engineers association service bureau support fund.**

Prior to the allocation to the counties under section 312.3, subsection 1, the department is authorized to set aside each year twenty-five hundredths of one percent from the secondary road fund for deposit in a fund to be known as the Iowa county engineers association service bureau support fund. The Iowa county engineers association service bureau support fund shall be used by the department solely for the purpose of supporting the Iowa county engineers association service bureau. Unobligated funds remaining in the Iowa county engineers association service bureau support fund on June 30 of the fiscal year shall revert to the secondary road fund. On or before January 31 of each year, the Iowa county engineers association service bureau shall file a report with the governor, state transportation commission, county engineers, chief clerk of the house of representatives, and secretary of the senate showing the activity accomplished under this section.

The Iowa county engineers association service bureau shall annually compute the secondary road fund and farm-to-market road fund distributions using the methodology determined by the secondary road fund distribution committee pursuant to section 312.3C. The Iowa county engineers association service bureau shall report the computations to the secondary road fund distribution committee, the department, the treasurer of state, and the counties.

2002 Acts, ch 1063, §11, 16; 2005 Acts, ch 142, §3; 2006 Acts, ch 1010, §86

### **312.3C Secondary road fund distribution committee.**

A secondary road fund distribution committee is established to develop one or more alternative methodologies for distribution of moneys in the secondary road fund and farm-to-market road fund. The committee shall be comprised of representatives appointed by the president of the Iowa county engineers association, the president of the Iowa county supervisors association, and the department.

The committee shall determine the methodology to be used for distribution of moneys in

the secondary road fund and the farm-to-market road fund. The methodology shall be phased in over a five-year time period, beginning July 1, 2006.

The committee shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to govern the determination and modification of the methodology to be used for distribution of moneys in the secondary road fund and the farm-to-market road fund.

2002 Acts, ch 1063, §12, 16; 2005 Acts, ch 142, §4

### **312.3D Street construction fund distribution advisory committee.**

A street construction fund distribution advisory committee is established to consider methodologies for distribution of moneys in the street construction fund of the cities. The committee shall be comprised of representatives appointed by the president of the Iowa section of the American public works association, the president of the Iowa league of cities, and the department. The committee shall recommend to the general assembly by January 1, 2004, for the general assembly's consideration and adoption, one or more alternative methodologies for distribution of moneys in the street construction fund of the cities.

2003 Acts, ch 144, §7

### **312.4 Treasurer's report to the department of transportation.**

The treasurer of state shall, each month, certify to the department:

1. The amount which the treasurer has received and credited to the road use tax fund from each source of revenue creditable to the said road use tax fund.

2. The amount of the road use tax fund which the treasurer has credited to the following:

- a. The primary road fund.
- b. The secondary road fund of the counties.
- c. The farm-to-market road fund.
- d. The street fund of the cities.

3. The amount of the federal aid primary and urban funds which the treasurer has received from the federal government and credited to the primary road fund.

4. The amount of federal aid secondary road funds which the treasurer has received from the federal government and credited to the farm-to-market road fund.

5. The amount of the road use tax fund which has been credited to carry out the provisions of section 307A.2, subsection 11, section 313.4, subsection 2, and section 307.45.

[C24, §4693; C27, 31, 35, §4755-b7; C39, **§4686.07, 4755.07**; C46, §310.7, 313.7; C50, §308A.4; C54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §312.4]

2011 Acts, ch 34, §77

[T] Subsection 2 amended

### **312.5 Division of farm-to-market road funds.**

1. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the treasurer of state shall apportion among the counties the road use tax funds credited to the farm-to-market road fund by using the allocation method contained in section 312.5, subsection 1, Code 2005. For subsequent fiscal years, the treasurer of state shall apportion among the counties the road use tax funds credited to the farm-to-market road fund by using the distribution methodology adopted pursuant to section 312.3C.

2. All farm-to-market road funds, except funds which under section 310.20 come from any county's allotment of the road use tax funds, shall be apportioned among the counties as provided by this section.

[C39, **§4686.05**; C46, §310.5; C50, §308A.5; C54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §312.5]

84 Acts, ch 1219, §19; 90 Acts, ch 1267, §32; 91 Acts, ch 258, §45; 92 Acts, ch 1100, §4; 92 Acts, ch 1238, §28, 46; 2002 Acts, ch 1063, §13, 16; 2005 Acts, ch 142, §5

### **312.6 Limitation on use of funds.**

Funds received by municipal corporations from the road use tax fund shall be used for any purpose relating to the construction, maintenance, and supervision of the public streets.

[C39, **§4686.21, 4686.25**; C46, §310.21, 310.25; C50, §308A.6; C54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §312.6]

### **312.7 Balance maintained in fund.**

The treasurer of state shall maintain in the road use tax fund in the state treasury, of the funds collected as provided in chapter 321 or as said chapter may be amended, a cash balance sufficient, when added to the cash balance of receipts in the road use tax fund from other sources, to pay the anticipated expenditures from the road use tax fund for the ensuing month.

When necessary to restore the balance in the road use tax fund in the state treasury, the treasurer of state shall draw upon the treasurer of each county of the state in proportion to the amounts in their possession, respectively, of the funds collected under the provisions of chapter 321 or as said chapter may be amended, and credited to the road use tax fund, a sum sufficient in the aggregate to restore the cash balance in the road use tax fund. Such drafts shall be honored by the treasurer of each county upon presentation.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, §4772, 5003; C39, §4686.26, 4772, 5010.03; C46, §310.26, 316.17, 321.147; C50, §308A.7; C54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §312.7]

### **312.8 Amana colonies.**

Where a tract of land is owned by a corporation organized under the provisions of chapter 490 with assets of the value of one million dollars or more, and having one or more platted villages located within the territorial limits of said tract of land, all of the territory within the plats of said villages with their addition or subdivisions shall, for the purposes of this chapter, be deemed to be one incorporated city. All funds to become due to said villages so consolidated shall be paid to the county auditor of the county in which said tract of land and said villages are situated. Said fund shall, thereupon, be administered and expended by the county board of supervisors of said county for the construction, reconstruction, repair, and maintenance of roads and streets within the plats of such villages in the same manner and with the same powers and duties as city councils in cities. In the event the population of such villages shall not have been separately enumerated in the federal census, then said county board of supervisors shall cause a census of said villages to be taken as soon as may be after this chapter becomes effective, which census shall be used in lieu of the federal census provided for in section 312.3, subsection 2.

All payments made under this section prior to July 4, 1961, are hereby legalized.

[C50, §308A.8; C54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §312.8]

90 Acts, ch 1205, §10

### **312.9 Fund not for personnel expense.**

Moneys credited to the road use tax fund shall not be appropriated for the payment of salaries, support, or maintenance of any personnel in the department of public safety.

[81 Acts 2d Ex, ch 2, §4]

**312.10** Repealed by 78 Acts, ch 1108, § 24.

### **312.11 Accounts of expenditures.**

Each city shall keep accounts showing the amount spent on street construction and reconstruction on extensions of rural systems and city streets. The amount spent shall be shown on the annual street report required by section 312.14.

[C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §312.11]

98 Acts, ch 1075, §12

**312.12** Repealed by 98 Acts, ch 1080, § 11.

**312.13** Repealed by 73 Acts, ch 205, § 2.

### **312.14 Cities to submit report.**

Cities in the state which receive allotments of funds from road use tax funds shall prepare and deliver on or before September 30 each year to the department an annual report showing all street receipts and expenditures for the city for the previous fiscal year. The report shall include a detailed cost accounting of all instances of the use of day labor or public or private

contracts for construction, reconstruction, or improvement projects on the municipal street system during the previous fiscal year, in the manner prescribed by rule of the department under section 314.1A. The report shall also include the costs of purchasing, leasing, or renting construction or maintenance equipment and an accounting of the use of such equipment for construction, reconstruction, or improvement projects on the municipal street system during the previous fiscal year.

[C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §312.14]

90 Acts, ch 1121, §2; 2001 Acts, ch 32, §5, 14

### **312.15 When funds not allocated.**

Funds shall not be allocated to any city until such city shall have complied with the provisions of sections 312.11 and 312.14.

If a city has not complied with the provisions of section 312.14, the treasurer of state shall withhold funds allocated to the city until the city complies. If a city has not complied with the provisions of section 312.14 by December 31 following the date the report was required, funds shall not be allocated to the city until the city has complied and all funds withheld under this paragraph shall revert to the street construction fund of the cities.

The department shall notify the treasurer of state if any city fails to comply with the provisions of sections 312.11 and 312.14.

[C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §312.15]

90 Acts, ch 1121, §3; 98 Acts, ch 1080, §1

### **312.16 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Department*” means the state department of transportation.
2. “*Fiscal year*” means the period of twelve months beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30.

[C75, 77, 79, 81, §312.16]

89 Acts, ch 293, §15