

**556F.7 When owner unknown.**

If the owner is unknown, the finder shall, within five days after finding the property, take the money, bank notes, and a description of any other property to the county sheriff of the county or the chief of police of the city in which the property was found, and provide an affidavit describing the property, the time when and place where the property was found, and attesting that no alteration has been made in the appearance of the property since the finding. The sheriff or chief of police shall send a copy of the affidavit to the county auditor who shall enter a description of the property and the value of the property, as nearly as the auditor can determine it, in the auditor's lost property book, together with the copy of the affidavit of the finder.

[R60, §1508; C73, §1514; C97, §2373; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §12205; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §644.7]

[94 Acts, ch 1188, §27](#)

C95, §556F.7

[95 Acts, ch 49, §19](#); [2000 Acts, ch 1043, §2](#)

Referred to in [§331.502](#)