

331.901 General duties of county officers.

1. Except as otherwise provided by state law, a county officer shall furnish to the governor or either house of the general assembly, upon their request, any information which the officer possesses.

2. A county officer shall not appear as an agent, attorney, or solicitor for another person in a matter pending before the board.

3. If a county officer who is required to report the collection of fees to the board neglects or refuses to make the report, the board shall employ an expert accountant to examine the books, papers, and accounts of the delinquent officer and to make the required report. The expense of employing the expert accountant shall be charged to the delinquent officer and may be collected upon the official bond of the officer.

4. A county officer, deputy officer, or employee shall not take, purchase, receive in payment, or exchange a warrant, scrip, or other evidence of the county's indebtedness or demand against the county for an amount less than the amount expressed on the face of the warrant, scrip, or other evidence of indebtedness or demand, plus the accrued interest.

5. A county or township officer or employee shall not appropriate, give, or loan public funds to or in favor of an institution, school, association, or object that is under ecclesiastical or sectarian management or control unless the public funds are to be utilized for a project or program that benefits the public and does not require any religious or sectarian services, educational programs, or participation requirements.

6. All reports and forms required to be submitted by a county officer to a state officer or agency shall be submitted on standardized forms furnished by the state officer or agency. The state officers and agencies which receive reports and forms from county officers shall consult with the department of management, shall devise standardized reports and forms which will permit computer processing of the information submitted, and shall distribute the standardized reports and forms to the county officers.

7. A county officer, deputy officer, or employee who violates [subsection 4 or 5](#) is guilty of a simple misdemeanor.

1. [C97, §544; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §5249; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §343.1; S81, §331.901(1); [81 Acts, ch 117, §900](#)]

2. [C73, §326; C97, §545; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §5250; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §343.2; S81, §331.901(2); [81 Acts, ch 117, §900](#)]

3. [C97, §548; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §5253; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §343.5; S81, §331.901(3); [81 Acts, ch 117, §900](#)]

4. [R60, §2186; C73, §556; C97, §596; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §5255; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §343.7; S81, §331.901(4); [81 Acts, ch 117, §900](#)]

5. [C73, §552; C97, §593; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §5256; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §343.8; S81, §331.901(5); [81 Acts, ch 117, §900](#)]

6. [C71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §343.14; S81, §331.901(7); [81 Acts, ch 117, §900](#)]

7. [R60, §2188; C73, §558; C97, §598; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §5257; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §343.9; S81, §331.901(8); [81 Acts, ch 117, §900](#)]

[83 Acts, ch 123, §152, 209; 83 Acts, ch 186, §10096, 10201; 2024 Acts, ch 1006, §1](#)

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Subsection 5 amended