

13B.8A Public defender property.

1. Notwithstanding section 13B.8, subsection 4, public property referred to in subsection 2 in the custody of a person or agency referred to in subsection 3 shall not be property of the department of inspections and appeals, but shall be devoted for the use of the department of inspections and appeals in its course of business. The department of inspections and appeals shall only be responsible for maintenance contracts or contracts for purchase entered into by the department of inspections and appeals. Upon replacement of the property by the department of inspections and appeals, the property shall revert to the use of the appropriate county.

2. This section applies to the following property:

- a.* Books, accounts, and records that pertain to the operation of the public defender's offices.
- b.* Forms, materials, and supplies that are consumed in the usual course of business.
- c.* Tables, chairs, desks, lamps, curtains, window blinds, rugs and carpeting, flags and flag standards, pictures and other wall decorations, and other similar furnishings.
- d.* Typewriters, adding machines, desk calculators, cash registers and similar business machines, reproduction machines and equipment, microfiche projectors, tape recorders and associated equipment, microphones, amplifiers and speakers, film projectors and screens, overhead projectors, and similar personal property.
- e.* Filing cabinets, shelving, storage cabinets, and other property used for storage.
- f.* Books of statutes, books of ordinances, books of judicial decisions, and reference books, except those that are customarily held in a law library for use by the public.
- g.* All other personal property that is in use in the operation of the offices of the public defender.

3. This section applies to the following persons and agencies:

- a.* Offices of the public defender.
- b.* Persons who are employed by an office of the public defender.

4. Subsections 1 through 3 and 5 do not apply to electronic data storage equipment, commonly referred to as computers, or to computer terminals or any machinery, equipment, or supplies used in the operation of computers. Those counties providing computer services to the public defender shall continue to provide these services until the general assembly provides otherwise. The state shall reimburse these counties for the cost of providing these services. Each county providing computer services to an office of the public defender shall submit a bill for these services to the department of inspections and appeals at the end of each calendar quarter. Reimbursement shall be payable from funds appropriated to the department for operating expenses of the offices of the public defender and shall be paid within thirty days after receipt by the department of inspections and appeals of the quarterly billing.

5. Personal property of a type that is subject to subsections 1 through 3 shall be subject to the control of the offices of the public defender. The offices of the public defender may issue necessary orders to preserve the use of the property by the public defender. The offices of the public defender shall establish and maintain an inventory of property used by the offices of the public defender.