

<p>Eliminate Budget Appeals and Independent Spending Authority by County Elected Officials Other Than the Board of Commissioners</p>	<p>M.S. §§357.18, subd. 4; 384.151; 385.373; 386.015; 387.20; 388.18</p>	<p>Each of the county elected officials has statutory authority to appeal their budgets. These appeals generally occur after the county levy has been set and require both the elected official and the county to hire outside counsel. In addition, the county recorder has discretion over spending the dedicated county recorder technology fund. The county board is responsible for establishing the county's overall budget and tax levy. The board's accountability to taxpayers demands that, and it alone, has full control over county spending decisions.</p>
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