

THE DRAIN CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT)
Act 40 of 1956

280.431 Contracts for drain projects; federal government; public corporations; relief from assessments; flood control projects; conservation and utilization of soil and water; “public corporation” defined.

Sec. 431. The drain commissioner or drainage board may contract or make agreements with the federal government, including any agency thereof, whereby the federal government will pay the whole or any part of the cost of the project or will perform the whole or any part of the work connected therewith, which contract or agreement may include any specific terms required by act of congress or federal regulation, not in conflict with state law, as a condition for participation on the part of the federal government. The drain commissioner or drainage board may contract or make agreements with any private corporation or with any public corporation, including any agency thereof, in respect to any matter connected with the construction, operation or maintenance of any flood control or drainage project or combination thereof. The contract or agreement may provide that any payments made or work done by the public corporation shall relieve it in whole or in part from assessment for the cost of the project. No construction work shall be undertaken by the drain commissioner or drainage board until bids have been advertised for and received for the performance of such work, but this provision shall not apply to work to be performed solely by the federal government or a public corporation at its expense.

The drain commissioner or drainage board may contract or make agreements with private and public corporations and with the federal government including any agency thereof for the purpose of expanding any flood control or drainage project or combination thereof to include the conservation and utilization of soil and water for recreation and other beneficial purposes. The contracts or agreements shall provide for an equitable sharing of the costs of the expanded flood control or drainage project or combination thereof and the cost borne by a drainage district shall not be in excess of the amount which can be attributed solely to drainage and flood control. The drain commissioner or drainage board, may acquire by gift or purchase the necessary lands, and rights of way for the purposes of any expanded flood control or drainage project or combination thereof. The drain commissioner or drainage board may acquire by condemnation proceedings similar to those provided in chapter 4 and chapter 6 of this act, the necessary lands and rights of way for any expanded flood control or drainage project or combination thereof which shall be undertaken jointly with a public corporation or the federal government. The drain commissioner or drainage board may pay for the costs of lands taken by condemnation for an expanded flood control or drainage project or combination thereof, undertaken jointly with a public corporation or the federal government, but the public corporation or federal government shall promptly reimburse the drainage district for all costs of acquisition in excess of those costs directly attributable to drainage and flood control.

The term "public corporation" includes the state, counties, cities, villages, townships, metropolitan districts and authorities created by or pursuant to state statutes.

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