

IC 12-20-20

Chapter 20. Payment of Township Assistance Claims

IC 12-20-20-1

Certification, audit, and payment of claim

Sec. 1. (a) If a township trustee, as administrator of township assistance, grants township assistance to an indigent individual or to any other person or agency on a township assistance order as provided by law or obligates the township for an item properly payable from township assistance money, the claim against the township must be:

- (1) itemized and sworn to as provided by law;
- (2) accompanied by the original township assistance order, which must be itemized and signed; and
- (3) checked with the records of the township trustee, as administrator of township assistance, and audited and certified by the township trustee.

(b) The township trustee shall pay claims against the township for township assistance in the same manner that other claims against the township are paid. The township trustee, when authorized to pay claims directly to vendors, shall pay a claim within forty-five (45) days. The township trustee shall pay the claim from:

- (1) any balance standing to the credit of the township against which the claim is filed; or
- (2) from any other available fund from which advancements can be made to the township for that purpose.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.14. Amended by P.L.145-1993, SEC.1; P.L.101-2000, SEC.1; P.L.73-2005, SEC.91.

IC 12-20-20-2

Borrowing to pay claims

Sec. 2. (a) If money is not available for the payment of township assistance claims under section 1 of this chapter, the township board shall appeal to borrow money under IC 12-20-24.

(b) This subsection does not apply to a county having a consolidated city. If the township board does not appeal to borrow money under IC 12-20-24 or if an appeal fails, the board of commissioners may borrow money or otherwise provide the money. If the county commissioners determine to borrow the money or otherwise provide the money, the county fiscal body shall promptly pass necessary ordinances and make the necessary appropriations to enable this to be done, after determining whether to borrow money by any of the following:

- (1) A temporary loan against taxes levied and in the process of collection.
- (2) The sale of county township assistance bonds or other county obligations.
- (3) Any other lawful method of obtaining money for the payment of township assistance claims.

(c) This subsection applies only to a county having a consolidated

city. If a township board does not appeal to borrow money under IC 12-20-24 or if an appeal fails, the board of commissioners shall borrow money or otherwise provide the money. The county fiscal body shall promptly pass necessary ordinances and make the necessary appropriations to enable this to be done, after determining whether to borrow money by any of the following methods:

- (1) A temporary loan against taxes levied and in the process of collection.
- (2) The sale of county township assistance bonds or other county obligations.
- (3) Any other lawful method of obtaining money for the payment of township assistance claims.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.14. Amended by P.L.145-1993, SEC.2; P.L.101-2000, SEC.2; P.L.73-2005, SEC.92.

IC 12-20-20-3

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.101-2000, SEC.11.)

IC 12-20-20-4

Purchase and payment forms

Sec. 4. The state board of accounts shall prescribe the forms for the purchase of and payment for township assistance items.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.14. Amended by P.L.73-2005, SEC.93.

IC 12-20-20-5

Water services payment

Sec. 5. Payment for water services must be in accordance with IC 12-20-16-3.

As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.14.