

## CHAPTER 342

## WATERWAY BEAUTIFICATION AND IMPROVEMENT

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**342.03 Beautification and improvement of waterways by counties and municipalities; tax.**—It is declared to be a legitimate county or municipal purpose for any county or incorporated city or town in the state to improve and beautify waterways, including lakes, rivers, streams, ditches and canals, within such county or municipality, by opening such waterways and by clearing them of logs and other obstructions, including water hyacinths and other disagreeable and obnoxious vegetation, and, for all or any part of such purpose, any county or incorporated city or town in the state may levy a tax not to exceed 1 mill on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property assessed for taxes in such county or incorporated city or town.

**History.**—s. 1, ch. 14651, 1931; CGL 1936 Supp. 2011(4).

**342.04 Time warrants.**—Any county or incorporated city or town in the state desiring to carry on all or any part of the work mentioned in s. 342.03 may issue and sell time warrants not to exceed in amount the sum of \$15,000 for any county or the sum of \$5,000 for any incorporated city or town, except that time warrants shall not exceed 50 percent of the estimated revenue to be derived from the tax to be levied by virtue of s. 342.03. Such time warrants shall not be sold for less than their par value and shall not draw a rate of interest in excess of 6 percent per year. When such time warrants shall come within the purview of s. 12, Art. VII of the State Constitution, the said time warrants shall be issued only after the same shall have been approved by

the majority of the votes cast in an election in which a majority of the owners of freeholds not wholly exempt from taxation who are qualified electors residing in such county or city or town shall participate, which said election shall be called and held, and the result thereof declared and recorded, in the manner prescribed by ss. 100.201–100.221, 100.241, 100.261–100.341, 100.351, and said election shall be subject to all the provisions of said chapter.

**History.**—s. 2, ch. 14651, 1931; CGL 1936 Supp. 2011(5); s. 24, ch. 57–1; s. 15, ch. 69–216; s. 64, ch. 77–175.

**342.05 Precautions as to use of poisons.**—Any county or incorporated city or town in the state, its agents, servants, employees, and contractors, may use any poisonous substance, chemical, or spray in killing water hyacinths and other disagreeable or obnoxious vegetation in the waterways mentioned in s. 342.03, provided no such poisonous substance, chemical, or spray shall be used which might injure or destroy fish life or human or other animal life without first taking sufficient precaution to prevent the same.

**History.**—s. 3, ch. 14651, 1931; CGL 1936 Supp. 2011(6).

**342.06 Contracts and bond of contractor.**—Any county or incorporated city or town in the state may contract to have carried on all or any part of the work mentioned in s. 342.03, provided such contract shall be let in the manner prescribed by law for other work of a public nature. No such contractor shall use any poisonous substance, chemical or spray in any of the waterways mentioned in s. 342.03 without first entering into a good and sufficient bond to be fixed and approved by the county or municipal authorities conditioned to indemnify any and all persons against any loss or damage for injury to livestock resulting from the use of such poisonous substance, chemical or spray.

**History.**—s. 4, ch. 14651, 1931; CGL 1936 Supp. 2011(7); s. 23, ch. 29615, 1955.