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137.01 Bonds required by the board of county commissioners for county officers.— Each board of county commissioners may by ordinance require any county officer to give bond, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his or her office. The amount of the bond and the bond must be approved by the board of county commissioners. In determining the amount of the bond, the board of county commissioners may consider the amount of money or property likely to be in custody of the county officer at any one time. The bond of each of the county officers of whom a bond is required must be filed with the clerk of the circuit court.

History.—s. 1, ch. 3724, 1887; RS 616; GS 822; RGS 1568; CGL 2416; ss. 10, 12, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 837, ch. 95-147; s. 28, ch. 95-312; s. 20, ch. 98-34.

137.02 Bond of tax collector.— The tax collector of each county shall give bond as required by the board of county commissioners of the respective county, specifically conditioned to account duly and faithfully for all taxes collected by the tax collector. In fixing the bond the board of county commissioners may consider the amount of money likely to be in the custody of the collector at any one time.

History.—s. 5, ch. 3724, 1887; RS 617; GS 823; RGS 1569; s. 1, ch. 10033, 1925; CGL 2417; ss. 12, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 1, ch. 76-140; s. 29, ch. 95-312; s. 21, ch. 98-34.

137.03 Bond of property appraisers.— The county property appraiser shall give a bond as required by the board of county commissioners. In fixing the amount of the bond, the board of county commissioners may consider the amount of money likely to be in the custody of the property appraiser at any one time.

History.—s. 7, ch. 3724, 1887; s. 1, ch. 3844, 1889; RS 618, 619; GS 824; RGS 1570; CGL 2418; s. 1, ch. 28294, 1953; s. 3, ch. 73-47; s. 1, ch. 77-102; s. 22, ch. 98-34.

137.04 County commissioners to give bond.— Each county commissioner, whether elected or appointed to such office, must give a bond conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his or her office as required by the board of county commissioners. The premium of the bonds given must be paid out of the county treasury.

History.—s. 1, ch. 6477, 1913; RGS 1571; CGL 2419; ss. 12, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 838, ch. 95-147; s. 30, ch. 95-312; s. 23, ch. 98-34.

137.05 Duty of boards of county commissioners.— The board of county commissioners of each county shall at its regular meetings in January and June of each year examine carefully as to the sufficiency of bonds of the county officers, and if it has reason to believe that the sufficiency of any bond has become impaired, it must at once require the officer to execute and file with the proper officer a new bond for the same amount and under the same conditions as his or her former bond.

History.—s. 2, ch. 4413, 1895; GS 825; RGS 1572; CGL 2420; s. 839, ch. 95-147; s. 24, ch. 98-34.

137.08 Sums for which sureties may be bound.— In every bond in which the amount of the bond shall not exceed \$1,000, there shall be at least two sureties, each bound for the full amount of the bond. In every bond so specified in which the amount of the bond shall exceed \$1,000, each surety may bind himself or herself for a specified sum, and the aggregate amount for which the sureties shall bind themselves shall not be less than the penalty of the bond.

History.—s. 9, ch. 3724, 1887; RS 620; GS 828; RGS 1575; CGL 2423; s. 841, ch. 95-147.

137.09 Justification and approval of bonds.— Each surety upon every bond of any county officer shall make affidavit that he or she is a resident of the county for which the officer is to be commissioned, and that he or she has sufficient visible property therein unencumbered and not exempt from sale under legal process to make good his or her bond. Every such bond shall be approved by the board of county commissioners when the board is satisfied in its judgment that the bond is legal, sufficient, and proper to be approved.

History.—s. 10, ch. 3724, 1887; RS 621; GS 829; RGS 1576; CGL 2424; ss. 12, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 842, ch. 95-147; s. 148, ch. 2003-261; s. 4, ch. 2016-132.

137.10 Provisions not applicable to surety companies.— The provisions of this chapter requiring two sureties and justification by surety shall not apply where such surety is a surety company authorized to do business in this state.

History.—s. 1, ch. 5372, 1905; GS 830; RGS 1577; CGL 2425.

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