

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

**280.31 List of drainage districts assessed for maintenance work; annual report and financial statement to county board of commissioners; reports and information required by director of department; liability on bond.**

Sec. 31.

(1) A drain commissioner shall prepare a list of drainage districts that are assessed for maintenance work under section 196. The list shall include the name of the drain and the amount being assessed annually to the drainage district. A drainage district shall be included on a list for the duration of the assessment associated with the maintenance work. The commissioner shall update the list annually after the commissioner has filed all special assessment rolls under section 262(1) but not later than November 1. The commissioner shall make the list available upon request. If the commissioner maintains an official internet presence, the commissioner shall post and maintain the list on a portion of the website that is fully accessible to the public. If the drain commissioner does not maintain an official internet presence, the list shall be posted and maintained on the county website.

(2) At the annual October meeting of the county board of commissioners, a drain commissioner shall make a report to the county board of the drainage districts laid out and the drains constructed, finished, or begun under the drain commissioner's supervision during the year ending September 30 and shall submit to the board a full financial statement of each drainage district. If authorized by resolution of the county board of commissioners, the report shall be made before April 2 of each year and shall cover the preceding calendar year. A drain commissioner shall also make reports and furnish information as required by the director of the department of agriculture and rural development.

(3) A report under subsection (2) shall include an itemized statement of the orders issued on account of each drainage district and a debit and credit balance of the district fund. The commissioner is liable on the blanket bond or his or her individual bond for gross neglect of duty or a misapplication of money under his or her control as commissioner.

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