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OPINION LETTER NO. 230
Answer by letter-Mansur

Honorable John W. Reid, II
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Dear Mr. Reid:

This is in response to your request for an opinion from this office on whether a county hospital organized under Section 205.160, RSMo, may borrow money if the debt does not exceed the prohibition in Article VI, Section 26a of the Missouri Constitution.

We are enclosing herewith Opinion No. 20 issued on March 16, 1961, to Clifford Crouch concerning the authority of a county health center organized under the provisions of Section 205.010, RSMo, to borrow money or issue tax anticipation notes for the benefit of the county health center.

We believe the statutes that apply to the authority of the county health center regarding the borrowing of money and issuing of tax anticipation notes would apply to the authority of the trustees of a county hospital organized under Section 205.160, RSMo, and the answers to the questions you have in mind will be found in this opinion.

You state in a memorandum that a county hospital is a political subdivision of the state. It is our view that a county hospital is not a political subdivision of the state. Stribling v. Jolley, 245 S.W.2d 885 (Mo.Banc 1952).

Yours very truly,

JOHN C. DANFORTH
Attorney General

Enclosure