# ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENTS AGAINST PUBLIC CORPORATIONS; PROPERTY IN CUSTODY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS

# A. Enforcement of judgment against public corporation.

If judgment is given for the recovery of money or damages against a public corporation mentioned in ORS 30.310, no execution shall issue thereon for the collection of such money or damages, but the judgment shall be satisfied as follows:

- A.(1) The party in whose favor the judgment is given may, at any time thereafter, when an execution might issue on a like judgment against a private person, present a certified transcript of the docket thereof, to the officer of the public corporation who is authorized to draw orders on the treasurer thereof.
- A.(2) On the presentation of the transcript, the officer shall draw an order on the treasurer for the amount of the judgment, in favor of the party for whom the judgment was given. Thereafter, the order shall be presented for payment, and paid, with like effect and in like manner as other orders upon the treasurer of the public corporation.
- A.(3) The certified transcript provided for in subsection
  (1) of this section shall not be furnished by the clerk, unless
  at the time an execution might issue on the judgment if the same

was against a private person, nor until satisfaction of the judgment in respect to such money or damages is acknowledged as in ordinary cases. The clerk shall include in the transcript a memorandum of such acknowledgment of satisfaction and the entry thereof. Unless the transcript contains such a memorandum, no order upon the treasurer shall issue thereon.

# B. Levy on debtor's assets in custody of public officer.

Any salary, wages, credits, or other personal property in the possession or under the control of the state or of any county, city, school district, or other political subdivision therein, or any board, institution, commission, or officer of the same, belonging or owed to any person, firm, or corporation, shall be subject to levy under Rules 83 A. or 82 G. in the same manner and with the same effect as property in the possession of individuals. However, the notices required by those Rules may be served only on the board, department, institution, commission, agency, or officer charged with the duty of approving a voucher or claim for such salary, wages, credits, or other property. No clerk or officer of any court shall be required to answer as garnishee or bailee as to any moneys or property in that clerk's or officer's possession in the custody of the law.

# COMMENT

# <u>Rule 85</u>

Section A. is ORS 30.390.

Section B. is ORS 23.190 modified to apply to attachment as well as execution and to adjust to the coverage of bailees in Rule 82 and garnishees in Rule 83.

ORS sections superseded: 23.190, 30.390.

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Sections A. through D. are almost identical to existing ORS 29.080-.095.

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