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**TITLE 3. GOVERNMENT OF COUNTIES [23000 - 33205]** ( Title 3 added by Stats. 1947, Ch. 424. )

**DIVISION 2. OFFICERS [24000 - 28085]** ( Division 2 added by Stats. 1947, Ch. 424. )

**PART 3. OTHER OFFICERS [26500 - 27773]** ( Part 3 added by Stats. 1947, Ch. 424. )

**CHAPTER 4.5. Director of Finance [26970 - 26972]** ( Chapter 4.5 added by Stats. 1959, Ch. 1906. )

[26970.](#) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 24009, at any general or special election, the board of supervisors of general law counties with a population of 170,046 or in excess of 220,000 according to the federal census of 1950, may submit to the electors of the county the question of whether the elective office of county auditor shall be replaced by the appointive office of county director of finance; provided, however, that the board of supervisors shall not submit such question to the electors more often than once in an 11-month period.

(Amended by Stats. 1980, Ch. 404.)

[26971.](#) If a majority of the voters voting on the question at such election favor the replacement by the appointive office of county director of finance, the board of supervisors shall appoint the incumbent county auditor as the first director of finance of the county. Thereafter appointments to the office shall be made by the board of supervisors on the basis of merit and fitness according to civil service rules and regulations. The director of finance may be removed or suspended for cause as provided in the civil service rules and regulations.

(Amended by Stats. 1980, Ch. 404.)

[26972.](#) The county director of finance shall have all of the powers and duties of the county auditor and the county controller and such other duties as the board of supervisors may prescribe.

(Amended by Stats. 1980, Ch. 404.)