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HOUSE BILL 2074

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By Representatives Alexander, Wolfe and Gardner

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1 AN ACT Relating to internal matters for the operation of counties;  
2 amending RCW 2.08.100, 36.40.200, and 36.40.250; adding a new section  
3 to chapter 36.40 RCW; and repealing RCW 36.40.110.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.08.100 and 1939 c 189 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 The county auditor of each county shall ~~((draw his warrant on the~~  
8 ~~treasurer of such county on the first Monday of each month for the~~  
9 ~~amount of salary due for the previous month from such county to the~~  
10 ~~judge of the superior court thereof, and said warrant shall be paid by~~  
11 ~~said treasurer out of the salary fund of said county: PROVIDED, That~~  
12 ~~no such warrant shall be issued until the judge who is to receive the~~  
13 ~~same shall have made an affidavit, in the manner provided by law, that~~  
14 ~~no cause in his court remains pending and undecided contrary to the~~  
15 ~~provisions of RCW 2.08.240 and of section 20, Article 4, Constitution~~  
16 ~~of the state of Washington)) pay superior court judges in the same  
17 means and manner provided for all other elected officials.~~

1       **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.40.200 and 1963 c 4 s 36.40.200 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       All appropriations shall lapse at the end of the fiscal year:  
4 PROVIDED, That the appropriation accounts (~~(shall)~~) may remain open for  
5 a period of thirty days, and may, at the auditor's discretion, remain  
6 open for a period not to exceed sixty days thereafter for the payment  
7 of claims incurred against such appropriations prior to the close of  
8 the fiscal year.

9       After such period has expired all appropriations shall become null  
10 and void and any claim presented thereafter against any such  
11 appropriation shall be provided for in the next ensuing budget:  
12 PROVIDED, That this shall not prevent payments upon uncompleted  
13 improvements in progress at the close of the fiscal year.

14       **Sec. 3.** RCW 36.40.250 and 1995 c 193 s 1 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16       In lieu of adopting an annual budget, the county legislative  
17 authority of any county may adopt an ordinance or a resolution  
18 providing for biennial budgets with a mid-biennium review and  
19 modification for the second year of the biennium. The county  
20 legislative authority may repeal such an ordinance or resolution and  
21 revert to adopting annual budgets for a period commencing after the end  
22 of a biennial budget cycle. The county legislative authority of a  
23 county with a biennial budget cycle may adopt supplemental and  
24 emergency budgets in the same manner and subject to the same conditions  
25 as the county legislative authority in a county with an annual budget  
26 cycle.

27       The procedure and steps for adopting a biennial budget shall  
28 conform with the procedure and steps for adopting an annual budget and  
29 with requirements established by the state auditor. The state auditor  
30 shall establish requirements for preparing and adopting the mid-  
31 biennium review and modification for the second year of the biennium.

32       Expenditures included in the biennial budget, mid-term modification  
33 budget, supplemental budget, or emergency budget shall constitute the  
34 appropriations for the county during the applicable period of the  
35 budget and every county official shall be limited in making  
36 expenditures or incurring liabilities to the amount of the detailed  
37 appropriation item or classes in the budget.

1        In lieu of adopting an annual budget or a biennial budget with a  
2 mid-biennium review for all funds, the legislative authority of any  
3 county may adopt an ordinance or a resolution providing for a biennial  
4 budget or budgets for any one or more funds of the county, with a mid-  
5 biennium review and modification for the second year of the biennium,  
6 with the other funds remaining on an annual budget. The county  
7 legislative authority may repeal such an ordinance or resolution and  
8 revert to adopting annual budgets for a period commencing after the end  
9 of the biennial budget or biennial budgets for the specific agency fund  
10 or funds. The county legislative authority of a county with a biennial  
11 budget cycle may adopt supplemental and emergency budgets in the same  
12 manner and subject to the same conditions as the county legislative  
13 authority in a county with an annual budget cycle.

14        The county legislative authority shall hold a public hearing on the  
15 proposed county property taxes and proposed road district property  
16 taxes prior to imposing the property tax levies.

17        NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 36.40 RCW  
18 to read as follows:

19        In addition to the supplemental appropriations provided in RCW  
20 36.40.100 and 36.40.140, the county legislative authority may provide  
21 by resolution a policy for supplemental appropriations as a result of  
22 unanticipated funds from local revenue sources.

23        NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. RCW 36.40.110 and 1963 c 4 s 36.40.110 are  
24 each repealed.

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