
SENATE BILL 5853

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By Senators Goings, McCaslin, Haugen, Winsley and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to fire protection district finance officers; and
2 amending RCW 52.16.010.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 52.16.010 and 1989 c 63 s 24 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, it is the
7 duty of the county treasurer of the county in which all, or the largest
8 portion of, any fire protection district created under this title is
9 located to receive and disburse district revenues, to collect taxes and
10 assessments authorized and levied under this title, and to credit
11 district revenues to the proper fund. However, where a fire protection
12 district is located in more than one county, the county treasurer of
13 each other county in which the district is located shall collect the
14 fire protection district's taxes and assessments that are imposed on
15 property located within the county and transfer these funds to the
16 county treasurer of the county in which the largest portion of the
17 district is located.

18 (2) The fire commissioners of a fire protection district that had
19 an annual budget of one million or more dollars in the preceding three

1 years may designate by resolution to adopt a policy for payment of
2 claims or other obligations of the fire district, electing to pay such
3 obligations by check. However, a check may not be issued when the
4 applicable fund is not solvent at the time payment is ordered. When
5 checks are used, the board of commissioners shall designate to the
6 county treasurer the qualified public depository wherein the checks are
7 to be drawn. A person must be designated as a full-time financial
8 officer qualified in financial or fiscal matters and under this
9 subsection shall be bonded with a surety company authorized to do
10 business in this state in an amount at least equal to fifty thousand
11 dollars and under the terms and conditions to protect the district from
12 loss that the fire commissioners establish by resolution. The district
13 shall pay the premium on the bond.

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