

FINAL BILL REPORT

SHB 2169

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Revising fire districts' options for issuing warrants.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Local Government & Housing (originally sponsored by Representative Alexander).

House Committee on Local Government & Housing
Senate Committee on State & Local Government

Background:

Fire district warrants are orders by which the drawer authorizes one person to pay a particular sum of money. Fire district warrants are issued by the fire district secretary, who prepares and signs the vouchers, which are also signed and approved by a majority of the district board, and submits the vouchers to the county auditor. The auditor issues the warrants and sends them to the county treasurer for payment. Warrants are then paid by the county treasurer against proper funds of the district.

Fire districts that have had an annual operating budget of over \$5 million for each of the last three years may adopt a policy by resolution to issue their own warrants for payments of claims or other obligations of the fire district.

Summary:

Fire districts that have had an annual operating budget between \$250,000 and \$5 million for each of the last three years are authorized, upon agreement with the county treasurer, to adopt a policy to issue their own warrants for payments of claims or other obligations of the fire district.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 95 0
Senate 43 4 (Senate amended)
House 94 0 (House concurred)

Effective: June 13, 2002