
SENATE BILL 6740

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By Senators Rasmussen, Swecker, Shin and Parlette

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1 AN ACT Relating to irrigation districts' acceptance of methods of
2 payment; and adding a new section to chapter 87.03 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 87.03 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Irrigation districts that have designated their own treasurers as
7 provided in RCW 87.03.440 may accept credit cards, charge cards, debit
8 cards, smart cards, stored value cards, federal wire, and automatic
9 clearinghouse system transactions, or other electronic communication,
10 for any payment of any kind including, but not limited to, assessments,
11 fines, interest, penalties, special assessments, fees, rates, tolls and
12 charges, or moneys due irrigation districts. A payer desiring to pay
13 by a credit card, charge card, debit card, smart card, stored value
14 card, federal wire, automatic clearinghouse system, or other electronic
15 communication shall bear the cost of processing the transaction in an
16 amount determined by the treasurer, unless the board of directors finds
17 that it is in the best interests of the district to not charge
18 transaction processing costs for all payment transactions made for a
19 specific category of nonassessment payments due the district,

1 including, but not limited to, fines, interest not associated with
2 assessments, penalties not associated with assessments, special
3 assessments, fees, rates, tolls, and charges. The treasurer's cost
4 determination shall be based upon costs incurred by the treasurer and
5 may not, in any event, exceed the additional direct costs incurred by
6 the district to accept the specific form of payment used by the payer.

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