
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5574

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By Senate Housing & Local Government (originally sponsored by Senator Fortunato)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the consolidation of counties; amending RCW
2 36.32.020 and 84.09.030; adding new sections to chapter 36.09 RCW;
3 adding a new section to chapter 47.01 RCW; creating a new section;
4 repealing RCW 4.12.070, 36.09.010, 36.09.020, 36.09.035, 36.09.040,
5 and 36.09.050; and prescribing penalties.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The purpose of this act is to establish
8 procedures for the consolidation of two or more existing counties.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Unless the context clearly requires
10 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this
11 chapter.

12 (1) "Assets" means all: (a) Real estate and leasehold interests
13 in real estate owned by a county; (b) tangible personal property
14 owned or leased by a county; and (c) intangible personal property
15 owned by a county including cash, securities, commercial paper,
16 notes, accounts receivable, and contract rights. Assets are
17 determined as of the first day of the interim period.

18 (2) "Interim period" means the period during which a new county
19 government is established. The period begins on January 1st after the
20 end of the regular session at which the new county is created by

1 special legislation or the year in which an election for the
2 consolidation of two or more existing counties is approved, and the
3 period ends on December 31st of the same year.

4 (3) "New county" means the county that is created by
5 consolidating two or more counties under Article XI, section 3 of the
6 state Constitution.

7 (4) "Parent county or counties" means the existing county or
8 counties out of which territory is consolidated to create a new
9 county under Article XI, section 3 of the state Constitution.

10 (5) "Proponents" means up to five individuals who are registered
11 voters in the proposed new county who initiate the petition process
12 to consolidate two or more existing counties under section 3 of this
13 act.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The proponent or proponents of a proposed
15 new county shall, before the circulation of a petition in support of
16 the consolidation of two or more existing counties, file with the
17 secretary of state a statement designating the name of the proposed
18 county and containing the legal description of the proposed county,
19 together with an affidavit from each proponent that he or she is a
20 registered voter within the territory of the proposed county. If
21 there are two or more proponents, one of them must be designated as
22 the principal proponent for the purpose of receiving notices and
23 communications required by law.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) Upon receipt of the legal description
25 and affidavit of sponsorship for the consolidation of counties, the
26 secretary of state shall forward a copy of the legal description to
27 the office of financial management.

28 (2) Within 30 days of receipt of this request from the secretary
29 of state, the director of the office of financial management shall
30 determine if the legal description is consistent and the territory
31 described is a single, contiguous area. If the legal description is
32 defective, the director shall notify the secretary of state and the
33 principal proponent of the nature and extent of the defect.

34 (3) If the legal description is not defective, the director shall
35 also determine the population of the proposed new county using the
36 most current data available. The director shall certify these
37 populations to the secretary of state and the principal proponent of

1 the new county within 30 days of receipt of the request from the
2 secretary of state.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Petitions for the consolidation of two or
4 more existing counties must be substantially in the following form:

5 WARNING

6 Every person who signs this petition with any other than his or
7 her true name, knowingly signs more than one petition for the same
8 consolidation of counties, signs this petition when he or she is not
9 a registered voter, or makes any false statement on this petition may
10 be punished by fine or imprisonment or both.

11 PETITION FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF COUNTIES

12 To the Honorable, Secretary of State of the State of
13 Washington:

14 We the undersigned citizens and legal voters of the state of
15 Washington, respectfully direct that this petition for the
16 consolidation of counties, a full, true, and correct copy
17 of the legal description of which is printed on the reverse side of
18 this petition, be transmitted to the legislature of the state of
19 Washington, at its next ensuing regular session. We respectfully
20 petition the legislature to consolidate these counties as provided by
21 law. Each of us for himself or herself declares that: I have
22 personally signed this petition, I am a legal voter of the state of
23 Washington, my residence address is correctly stated, and I have not
24 knowingly signed any other petition for the consolidation of the
25 named counties.

Petitioner's	Print name for	Residence address,	City or town	County
signature	positive	street, and number,		
	identification	if any		

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29 (Here follow 20 numbered lines divided into columns as below.)

30 1.				
31 2.				
32 3.				
33 etc.				

34 A complete legal description of the proposed county must be
35 printed on the reverse side of the petition sheet. A map of the
36 proposed new county may be printed on the front or back of the
37 petition.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Petitions for the consolidation of two or
2 more existing counties, signed by the requisite number of registered
3 voters in the proposed new county, may be submitted to the secretary
4 of state at any time up to three years after the certification of the
5 legal description and populations under section 4 of this act. The
6 standards for acceptance or rejection of signature petitions for the
7 consolidation of two or more existing counties are the same as for
8 initiatives under RCW 29A.72.170, and any appeal of a refusal by the
9 secretary of state to file signature petitions will proceed in the
10 same manner as provided for initiatives under RCW 29A.72.180 and
11 29A.72.190.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A petition for the consolidation of
13 existing counties circulated before the effective date of this
14 section, filed under section 6 of this act with the secretary of
15 state within three years of the effective date of this section, and
16 differing in form from the information required by section 5 of this
17 act is acceptable as to the requirements for form.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** A petition proposing the consolidation of
19 two or more existing counties must be signed by at least 50 percent
20 of the registered voters residing in the combined portions of each
21 parent county that is proposed to be consolidated in the new county.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** (1) Every person who signs a petition
23 requesting the consolidation of two or more existing counties with
24 any other than his or her true name is guilty of a class C felony
25 punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

26 (2) Every person who: (a) Knowingly signs more than one petition
27 for the same effort to consolidate two or more existing counties; (b)
28 signs a petition requesting the consolidation of two or more existing
29 counties knowing that he or she is not a legal voter; or (c) makes a
30 false statement as to his or her residence on any petition requesting
31 the consolidation of two or more existing counties, is guilty of a
32 gross misdemeanor punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Within 60 days of receipt of the petition
34 under section 6 of this act, the secretary of state shall examine the
35 signatures on the petition and determine if the number of valid
36 signatures of registered voters on the petition exceeds the number

1 required by section 8 of this act. The secretary of state may
2 contract with the appropriate county auditor to conduct the
3 examination of the signatures in that county or perform any other
4 functions necessary to making the determination of the number of
5 valid signatures on the petition. A variation between the signature
6 on the petition and that on the registration record due to the
7 substitution of initials or the use of common nicknames is permitted
8 so long as the surname and handwriting are clearly the same.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** (1) The secretary of state shall certify
10 to the proponents and to the legislature whether the petition for the
11 proposed consolidation of counties has been signed by at least 50
12 percent of the registered voters in the combined portions of each
13 parent county that is to be consolidated to form the new county.

14 (2) The secretary of state shall also notify the presiding judge
15 of the state superior court that contains for each parent county that
16 a petition for the consolidation of two or more counties has been
17 transmitted to the legislature and shall transmit with the notice a
18 copy of the legal description of the proposed county.

19 (3) The secretary of state shall also notify the director of the
20 department of revenue that a petition for the consolidation of two or
21 more counties has been transmitted to the legislature and shall
22 transmit with the notice a copy of the legal description of the
23 proposed county.

24 (4) Any proponent or opponent of the new county, dissatisfied
25 with the determination of the secretary of state under this section,
26 may appeal that determination to the superior court of Thurston
27 county. The review by the superior court will proceed in the same
28 manner as for initiatives under RCW 29A.72.240.

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** Within six months of the receipt of a
30 notice under section 11 of this act, the director of the department
31 of revenue, in conjunction with the department of community, trade,
32 and economic development and the office of financial management,
33 shall analyze and prepare a report on the impact of the consolidation
34 of counties on the revenues and expenditures of the parent counties.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** (1) If all the requirements of Article
36 XI, section 3 of the state Constitution for the creation of a new
37 county and consolidation of two or more existing counties have been

1 met, the legislature may, during the first regular session after
2 certification under section 11(1) of this act, enact special
3 legislation consolidating the counties and creating the new county,
4 subject to approval by a majority of the voters in the proposed new
5 county at the next general election more than 120 days after the
6 adjournment of the session at which the special legislation is
7 adopted.

8 (2) If the legislature does not enact special legislation
9 consolidating the parent counties under subsection (1) of this
10 section, the question of the consolidation of two or more existing
11 counties and creation of that county must be referred to a vote of
12 the registered voters residing in the proposed new county at the next
13 general election more than 120 days after the adjournment of the
14 session.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** (1) If the legislature provides for the
16 creation of a new county under section 13 of this act by special
17 legislation, that special legislation must include:

- 18 (a) A legal description of the proposed new county;
- 19 (b) The initial annual salaries of the elected officers of the
20 new county;
- 21 (c) An initial county seat for the new county;
- 22 (d) Provision for the initial election of officers of the new
23 county if those are different from sections 15 through 17 of this
24 act;
- 25 (e) Provision for a superior court and district court for the new
26 county;
- 27 (f) Boundaries for three commissioner districts in the proposed
28 new county subject to the criteria in RCW 29A.76.010(4);
- 29 (g) Provision for any necessary financial resources for the new
30 county during the interim period and until the receipt of regular
31 taxes and other revenues; and
- 32 (h) Any other measures the legislature finds appropriate to the
33 efficient organization and operation of the new county government.

34 (2) All counties must consist of a single contiguous area of land
35 and water. The legislature may not make changes in the boundaries
36 that would result in the creation of a new county that does not
37 satisfy the requirements of Article XI, section 3 of the state
38 Constitution.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** If special legislation enacted under
2 section 13(1) of this act does not provide otherwise or if the
3 question of the consolidation of two or more existing counties is
4 referred under section 13(2) of this act, that question must be
5 submitted to the voters of the parent counties in substantially the
6 following form:

7 "Shall the new county of (insert name of new county) be created
8 and shall it assume all of the assets and liabilities of (insert the
9 name of the parent counties) as provided in (cite the order of the
10 superior court)? - yes or no?"

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** (1) If special legislation enacted under
12 section 13(1) of this act does not provide otherwise or if the
13 question of the consolidation of two or more existing counties is
14 referred under section 13(2) of this act, a primary must be held
15 under RCW 29A.04.311 for the nomination of candidates for the various
16 county elected offices, and elections for those offices must be held
17 in conjunction with the state general election in that year. Except
18 as provided in this section, nominations and elections must be held
19 as provided by the general election laws for partisan county offices.

20 (2) Declarations of candidacy for the initial terms of office for
21 the elected county offices in the new county must be filed with the
22 secretary of state.

23 (3) Candidates for the office of county commissioner shall file
24 for one of three separate county commissioner positions. If county
25 commissioner districts were created by the special legislation, the
26 filing officer shall designate one position for each district, and
27 the voters in each district shall nominate the candidates for county
28 commissioner for that district.

29 (4) If any parent county does not provide a local voters'
30 pamphlet for the primary or the general election under chapter 29A.32
31 RCW, the secretary of state shall provide a pamphlet for the
32 jurisdictions of the proposed new county.

33 (5) If the local voters' pamphlet is produced by the secretary of
34 state, the committees to draft statements for and against the
35 measures will be appointed as provided for state measures under RCW
36 29A.32.060. The local voters' pamphlet must include the legal
37 description and map of the proposed new county and the report by the
38 department of revenue about the revenue and expenditure impact of the

1 consolidation of the counties on the revenues and expenditures of the
2 parent counties.

3 (6) The county auditors of the parent counties shall conduct and
4 canvass the election and certify the results to the secretary of
5 state, who shall canvass and certify the results of the primary and
6 the election.

7 (7) The newly elected county officials shall assume office
8 immediately upon the certification of the election with limited
9 powers during the interim period as provided in this chapter and full
10 powers after the expiration of the interim period.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** If the legislature consolidates two or
12 more existing counties under section 13(1) of this act or if a
13 majority of the registered voters who reside within the boundaries of
14 the proposed new county voting on the question vote in favor of
15 consolidating two or more existing counties under section 13 (1) or
16 (2) of this act, the new county is established, with an interim
17 organization period commencing on January 1st of the year after the
18 session at which the special legislation was enacted or the election
19 at which the voters approved the consolidation of two or more
20 existing counties. The interim period expires on December 31st of the
21 year in which it started.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2)
23 of this section, the terms of office for all of the initial county
24 officials are from the date of the certification of their election
25 until their successors are elected and qualified at the next general
26 election that is two years before the year in which the governor is
27 elected.

28 (2) The commissioner or commissioners who receive the greatest
29 number of votes for their respective positions at the general
30 election provided for under section 16 of this act will receive the
31 longer unexpired term or terms.

32 (3) No regular or unexpired term elections may be held during the
33 interim period. Vacancies in elected county offices will be filled by
34 appointment.

35 (4) After the expiration of the first set of unexpired terms, the
36 terms of all officers will be four years and until their successors
37 are elected and qualified.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 19.** If the new county is not created, the
2 parent counties shall equitably share the costs of conducting the
3 primary and the election to create a new county and elect county
4 officers. For the purposes of this section, the proportionate share
5 of the costs of producing and distributing the local voters' pamphlet
6 under section 16 of this act are included in the cost of conducting
7 the primary and election on the consolidation of two or more existing
8 counties.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 20.** Except as provided in this section, the
10 consolidation of two or more existing counties may not affect the
11 boundaries of a city, town, or special district of any kind.

12 (1) Unless the initial board of county commissioners provides
13 otherwise, a single road district must exist in the new county
14 composed of all the unincorporated area within the new county.

15 (2) An area in a new county that was included in a county rural
16 library district must remain part of that county rural library
17 district. The trustees of such a library district must be appointed
18 by joint action of the members of the county legislative authorities
19 of the parent county or counties and the new county, with the vote on
20 each appointment distributed among the members of the new county
21 legislative authority.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** The superior court and district court for
23 the new county shall obtain jurisdiction over all new matters filed
24 on or after the interim period expires, over which those courts
25 otherwise have jurisdiction under the state Constitution and state
26 law. The superior court and district court of the parent county or
27 counties shall retain jurisdiction of any matters pending before them
28 or on appeal from them on December 31st at the close of the interim
29 period unless all parties to the matter stipulate to a change of
30 venue to the superior or district court of the new county.

31 All pleadings, process, documents, and files in the office of the
32 county clerk and in the offices of officers of the superior or
33 district court of a parent county pertaining to actions and
34 proceedings transferred to the superior or district court of the new
35 county must be certified and transferred to the county clerk or to
36 officers of the superior or district court of the new county.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** Within 10 months of the beginning of the
2 interim period for a new county, all records, documents, and papers
3 in the offices of county auditor, county assessor, county treasurer,
4 and other county officers of a parent county, affecting the title or
5 possession of real property in the new county, assessed valuation of
6 property located in the new county, registration of voters residing
7 in the new county, or other appropriate matters, must be certified by
8 the appropriate parent county official and must be transferred to the
9 appropriate county officials and officers of the new county. If
10 original records, documents, or papers are not transferred, certified
11 copies must be provided. The appropriate county officials of the
12 parent county and the new county may agree to these transfers through
13 electronic, mechanical, or other methods that adequately ensure the
14 accuracy of the transferred information. The new county shall pay all
15 costs incurred with regard to the transfer of records, documents, and
16 papers.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 23.** During the interim period for a new
18 county, the initial county officials have the following powers:

19 (1) The initial board of county commissioners may adopt
20 ordinances and adopt resolutions necessary to implement the general
21 powers provided by this section. The initial board of county
22 commissioners may also adopt ordinances on any matter within the
23 authority of a noncharter county. The ordinances become effective on
24 the expiration of the interim period.

25 (2) The initial county officials, subject to state law governing
26 counties in general, may purchase or lease land, buildings,
27 equipment, and supplies; contract for services; and employ staff as
28 necessary to implement the powers provided by this section and to
29 assure the establishment of the necessary infrastructure and staffing
30 for the full operation of county government on the expiration of the
31 interim period.

32 (3) The initial county officials may enter interlocal agreements
33 with the parent county or counties to facilitate the establishment of
34 the new county government and for services to be rendered during the
35 interim period.

36 (4) The initial board of county commissioners may:

37 (a) Cause tax anticipation or revenue anticipation notes or
38 warrants or other short-term obligations to be issued as provided in
39 chapter 39.50 RCW;

1 (b) Authorize the borrowing of money from state or federal
2 agencies to the same extent as is authorized for a nonhome-rule
3 county;

4 (c) Submit ballot propositions to the voters of the new county
5 authorizing a single-year excess levy to be imposed, as provided by
6 RCW 84.52.052;

7 (d) Submit ballot propositions to the voters of the new county
8 authorizing both voter-approved general indebtedness and bond
9 retirement excess levies, as provided by RCW 84.52.056 and 39.36.050;

10 (e) Impose property taxes as authorized for counties, to be
11 collected after the interim period; and

12 (f) Impose excise taxes as authorized for counties effective on
13 January 1st after the interim period including, but not limited to,
14 sales and use taxes authorized in chapter 82.14 RCW and real estate
15 excise taxes authorized in chapter 82.46 RCW.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 24.** The initial county officers of a new
17 county during the interim period are subject to all state laws
18 limiting the authority of or imposing obligations on such offices as
19 if the new county were fully established.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 25.** All ordinances, rules, and regulations of
21 a parent county that are in effect at the beginning of the interim
22 period for a new county and that are adopted by the parent county
23 during the interim period of a new county have their full force and
24 effect within the parent county that is consolidated to form the new
25 county until the end of the interim period, unless repealed by the
26 parent county before that date.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 26.** During the interim period for a new
28 county, a parent county remains responsible for providing all county
29 services previously provided by the parent county unless otherwise
30 agreed to between the parent county and the initial officers of the
31 new county.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 27.** (1) The budget for the interim period for
33 a new county must be adopted as provided in this section. The budget
34 for the first budget cycle of the new county after the interim period
35 must be adopted as provided in chapter 36.40 RCW.

1 (2) The initial board of county commissioners shall adopt a
2 budget for the interim period and make any subsequent amendments in
3 consultation with the state auditor and the department of commerce.
4 The department of commerce shall provide to the initial officers of
5 the new county, at the earliest date feasible after the election
6 authorizing consolidation of two or more existing counties, a report
7 detailing the potential revenues and expenses of the new county. The
8 interim period budget may initially authorize expenditure of moneys
9 by general category without specific detail. The budget may be
10 amended periodically during the interim period to reflect actual
11 revenues or expenditure requirements as they become known.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 28.** During the interim period for a new
13 county, the initial board of county commissioners may borrow money
14 from the state treasurer in amounts and on terms deemed prudent and
15 reasonable by the state treasurer.

16 Any loan obtained under this section must be repaid within three
17 years of the initial disbursement. The state treasurer may withhold
18 moneys from the funds otherwise payable to the new county to assure
19 repayment.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 29.** Each parent county shall continue
21 imposing sales and use taxes throughout its entire boundaries until
22 the end of the interim period. Before the end of the interim period,
23 each parent county will continue receiving federal and state moneys
24 allocated to it as if the new county did not exist. State moneys must
25 be allocated to the new county on whatever basis these moneys are
26 distributed commencing on the first day after the interim period.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 30.** The rule of strict construction does not
28 apply to this chapter. The authority granted to the initial county
29 commissioners of a new county must be liberally interpreted to
30 provide for a transition to a new county during the interim period so
31 that, to the greatest extent possible, a new county will be able to
32 fully function as a complete county government at the date the new
33 county is officially created.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 31.** A new section is added to chapter 47.01
35 RCW to read as follows:

1 Beginning on January 1st following the interim period for a new
2 county, the department of transportation shall adjust the allocations
3 of transportation moneys made to counties to include the new county
4 on the same bases as apply to previously existing counties.

5 **Sec. 32.** RCW 36.32.020 and 2018 c 113 s 204 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The board of county commissioners of each county shall divide
8 their county into three commissioner districts so that each district
9 shall comprise as nearly as possible one-third of the population of
10 the county(~~(: PROVIDED, That the)~~). The territory comprised in any
11 voting precincts of such districts shall remain compact, and shall
12 not be divided by the lines of said districts.

13 However, the commissioners of any county composed entirely of
14 islands and with a population of less than thirty-five thousand may
15 divide their county into three commissioner districts without regard
16 to population, except that if any single island is included in more
17 than one district, the districts on such island shall comprise, as
18 nearly as possible, equal populations.

19 The commissioners of any county may authorize a change to their
20 electoral system pursuant to RCW 29A.92.040. Except where necessary
21 to comply with a court order issued pursuant to RCW 29A.92.110, and
22 except in the case of an intervening census, the lines of the
23 districts shall not be changed more often than once in four years
24 except for the initial districts in a new county created under
25 section 13 of this act and only when a full board of commissioners is
26 present. The districts shall be designated as districts numbered one,
27 two, and three.

28 **Sec. 33.** RCW 84.09.030 and 2017 c 328 s 9 are each amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (1) (a) Except as provided in (b) (~~(, (c), and (d))~~) through (e) of
31 this subsection (1), for the purposes of property taxation and the
32 levy of property taxes, the boundaries of counties, cities, and all
33 other taxing districts shall be the established official boundaries
34 of such districts existing on the first day of August of the year in
35 which the property tax levy is made.

36 (b) The boundaries for a newly incorporated port district or
37 regional fire protection service authority shall be established on
38 the first day of October if the boundaries of the newly incorporated

1 port district or regional fire protection service authority are
2 coterminous with the boundaries of another taxing district or
3 districts, as they existed on the first day of August of that year.

4 (c) The boundaries of a school district that is required to
5 receive or annex territory due to the dissolution of a financially
6 insolvent school district under RCW 28A.315.225 must be the
7 established official boundaries of such districts existing on the
8 first day of September of the year in which the property tax levy is
9 made.

10 (d) The boundaries of a newly established fire protection
11 district authorized under RCW 52.02.160 are the established official
12 boundaries of the district as of the date that the voter-approved
13 proposition required under RCW 52.02.160 is certified.

14 (e) Boundaries of a new county and road districts in the newly
15 created county will be established on the first day of January of the
16 interim period after the consolidation of two or more existing
17 counties.

18 (2) In any case where any instrument setting forth the official
19 boundaries of any newly established taxing district, or setting forth
20 any change in the boundaries, is required by law to be filed in the
21 office of the county auditor or other county official, the instrument
22 shall be filed in triplicate. The officer with whom the instrument is
23 filed shall transmit two copies of the instrument to the county
24 assessor.

25 (3) No property tax levy shall be made for any taxing district
26 whose boundaries are not established as of the dates provided in this
27 section.

28 NEW SECTION. Sec. 34. The following acts or parts of acts are
29 each repealed:

30 (1) RCW 4.12.070 (Change to newly created county) and 2011 c 336
31 s 80, 1891 c 33 s 2, Code 1881 s 53, 1877 p 12 s 54, 1869 p 14 s 54,
32 & 1854 p 377 s 2;

33 (2) RCW 36.09.010 (Debts and property to be apportioned) and 1963
34 c 4 s 36.09.010;

35 (3) RCW 36.09.020 (Procedure to settle amount charged new county—
36 Basis of apportionment) and 2009 c 549 s 4004 & 1963 c 4 s 36.09.020;

1 (4) RCW 36.09.035 (Procedure to settle amount charged new county—
2 Disagreement between auditors—Determination by third person) and 1963
3 c 4 s 36.09.035;

4 (5) RCW 36.09.040 (Payment of indebtedness—Transfer of property)
5 and 2009 c 549 s 4005 & 1963 c 4 s 36.09.040; and

6 (6) RCW 36.09.050 (Collection of taxes levied—Apportionment) and
7 1963 c 4 s 36.09.050.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 35.** Sections 2 through 30 of this act are
9 each added to chapter 36.09 RCW.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 36.** If any provision of this act or its
11 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
12 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
13 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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