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HOUSE BILL 1419

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By Representatives Chapman and Goehner

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1 AN ACT Relating to county treasurers' duties concerning  
2 registered warrants; amending RCW 36.29.010; and repealing RCW  
3 36.29.040, 36.29.050, and 36.29.060.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.29.010 and 2019 c 20 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) The county treasurer:

8 ~~((1))~~ (a) Shall receive all money due the county and disburse  
9 it on warrants issued and attested by the county auditor and  
10 electronic funds transfer under RCW 39.58.750 as attested by the  
11 county auditor;

12 ~~((2))~~ (b) Shall issue a receipt in duplicate for all money  
13 received other than taxes; the treasurer shall deliver immediately to  
14 the person making the payment the original receipt and the duplicate  
15 shall be retained by the treasurer;

16 ~~((3) Shall affix on the face of all paid warrants the))~~ (c)  
17 Shall designate as cleared or redeemed in the appropriate county  
18 accounting records, the date of redemption or, in the case of proper  
19 contract between the treasurer and a qualified public depository, the  
20 treasurer may consider the date ~~((affixed))~~ cleared or redeemed by  
21 the financial institution as the date of redemption;

1       ~~((4) Shall endorse, before the date of issue by the county or by~~  
2 ~~any taxing district for whom the county treasurer acts as treasurer,~~  
3 ~~on the face of all warrants for which there are not sufficient funds~~  
4 ~~for payment, "interest bearing warrant." When there are funds to~~  
5 ~~redeem outstanding warrants, the county treasurer shall give notice:~~

6       ~~(a) By publication in a legal newspaper published or circulated~~  
7 ~~in the county; or~~

8       ~~(b) By posting at three public places in the county if there is~~  
9 ~~no such newspaper; or~~

10       ~~(c) By notification to the financial institution holding the~~  
11 ~~warrant;~~

12       ~~(5) Shall pay interest on all interest-bearing warrants from the~~  
13 ~~date of issue to the date of notification))~~ (d) May, in cases where  
14 there are insufficient funds for the redemption of warrants issued by  
15 the county or any taxing district for which the county treasurer acts  
16 as treasurer, using such funds as not necessary for immediate  
17 expenditure, contract with the county or any taxing district for a  
18 mutually agreed upon period of time, including for appropriate  
19 interest to cover such insufficient funds prior to the issuance of  
20 said warrants. In each instance, the county or any taxing district  
21 shall not issue additional warrants against funds where a contract is  
22 in place with the county treasurer without first contacting the  
23 county treasurer and, if necessary, renegotiating a contract to cover  
24 such additional funding as may be mutually agreed to;

25       ~~((6))~~ (e) Shall maintain financial records reflecting receipts  
26 and disbursement by fund in accordance with generally accepted  
27 accounting principles;

28       ~~((7))~~ (f) Shall account for and pay all bonded indebtedness for  
29 the county and all special districts for which the county treasurer  
30 acts as treasurer;

31       ~~((8))~~ (g) Shall invest all funds of the county or any special  
32 district in the treasurer's custody, not needed for immediate  
33 expenditure, in a manner consistent with appropriate statutes. If  
34 cash is needed to redeem warrants issued from any fund in the custody  
35 of the treasurer, the treasurer shall liquidate investments in an  
36 amount sufficient to cover such warrant redemptions;

37       ~~((9))~~ (h) May provide certain collection services for county  
38 departments; and

39       ~~((10))~~ (i) May contract with another county treasurer, the  
40 state treasurer, or both, for any duty or service performed by the

1 contracting county treasurer, except that no contracted treasurer may  
2 perform a duty that is in conflict with his or her own duties as  
3 treasurer or that is in conflict with any other statutory or ethical  
4 requirements.

5 (2) The treasurer, at the expiration of the term of office, shall  
6 make a complete settlement with the county legislative authority, and  
7 shall deliver to the successor all public money, books, and papers in  
8 the treasurer's possession.

9 (3) Money received by all entities for whom the county treasurer  
10 serves as treasurer must be deposited within twenty-four hours in an  
11 account designated by the county treasurer unless a waiver is granted  
12 by the county treasurer in accordance with RCW 43.09.240.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The following acts or parts of acts are  
14 each repealed:

15 (1) RCW 36.29.040 (Interest on unpaid warrants) and 1980 c 100 s  
16 3 & 1963 c 4 s 36.29.040;

17 (2) RCW 36.29.050 (Interest to be entered on warrant register)  
18 and 2001 c 299 s 5, 1969 ex.s. c 48 s 1, & 1963 c 4 s 36.29.050; and

19 (3) RCW 36.29.060 (Warrant calls—Penalty for failure to call) and  
20 2003 c 53 s 203, 1991 c 245 s 6, 1985 c 469 s 44, 1980 c 100 s 4, &  
21 1963 c 4 s 36.29.060.

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