

**RCW 52.16.070 Obligations shall not exceed taxes, revenues, and cash balances—Exceptions.** Except as authorized by the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds, the creation of local improvements districts, and the issuance of local improvement bonds and warrants of the fire protection district, the board of fire commissioners may not incur expenses or other financial obligations payable in any year in excess of the aggregate amount of taxes levied for that year, revenues derived from all other sources, and the cash balances on hand in the expense and reserve funds of the district on the first day of that year. In the event that there are any unpaid warrants drawn on any district funds for expenses and obligations incurred and outstanding at the end of any calendar year, the warrants may be paid from taxes collected in the subsequent year or years and from other income. [1984 c 230 s 43; 1983 c 167 s 123; 1975 1st ex.s. c 130 s 1; 1972 ex.s. c 16 s 1; 1959 c 221 s 2; 1955 c 134 s 3; 1951 2nd ex.s. c 24 s 10; 1947 c 254 s 11; 1943 c 106 s 1; 1941 c 70 s 5; 1939 c 34 s 39; Rem. Supp. 1947 s 5654-139.]

**Liberal construction—Severability—1983 c 167:** See RCW 39.46.010 and note following.

**Severability—Construction—1975 1st ex.s. c 130:** "If any section, clause, or other provision of this 1975 amendatory act, or its application to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of such 1975 amendatory act, or the application of such section, clause, or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected. The rule of strict construction shall have no application to this 1975 amendatory act, but the same shall be liberally construed, in order to carry out the purposes and objects for which this 1975 amendatory act is intended. When this 1975 amendatory act comes in conflict with any provision, limitation, or restriction in any other law, this 1975 amendatory act shall govern and control." [1975 1st ex.s. c 130 s 6.]