
HOUSE BILL 1634

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1 AN ACT Relating to local government financial obligations; adding
2 a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
3 36.01 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 53.36 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 A city or town, by ordinance, may adopt a policy for the payment of
8 claims or other obligations of the city or town, which are payable out
9 of solvent funds, electing either to pay the obligations by warrant or
10 to pay the obligations by check or electronic draft. However, no check
11 or electronic draft may be issued when the applicable fund is not
12 solvent at the time payment is ordered, but a warrant shall be issued
13 therefor. When checks or electronic drafts are to be used, the
14 legislative body shall designate the qualified public depository
15 whereon the checks or electronic drafts are to be drawn, and the
16 officers authorized or required to sign the checks or authorize the
17 electronic drafts when not otherwise specified by law. Wherever in
18 this title reference is made to warrants, the term includes checks or
19 electronic drafts where authorized by this section.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 36.01 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 A county, by ordinance or resolution, may adopt a policy for the
4 payment of claims or other obligations of the county, which are payable
5 out of solvent funds, electing either to pay the obligations by warrant
6 or to pay the obligations by check or electronic draft. However, no
7 check or electronic draft may be issued when the applicable fund is not
8 solvent at the time payment is ordered, but a warrant shall be issued
9 therefor. When checks or electronic drafts are to be used, the
10 legislative body shall designate the qualified public depository
11 whereon the checks or electronic drafts are to be drawn, and the
12 officers authorized or required to sign the checks or authorize the
13 electronic drafts when not otherwise specified by law. Wherever in
14 this title reference is made to warrants, the term includes checks or
15 electronic drafts where authorized by this section.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 53.36 RCW
17 to read as follows:

18 A port district, by resolution, may adopt a policy for the payment
19 of claims or other obligations of the district, which are payable out
20 of solvent funds, electing either to pay the obligations by warrant or
21 to pay the obligations by check or electronic draft. However, no check
22 or electronic draft may be issued when the applicable fund is not
23 solvent at the time payment is ordered, but a warrant shall be issued
24 therefor. When checks or electronic drafts are to be used, the
25 legislative body shall designate the qualified public depository
26 whereon the checks or electronic drafts are to be drawn, and the
27 officers authorized or required to sign the checks or authorize the
28 electronic drafts when not otherwise specified by law. Wherever in
29 this title reference is made to warrants, the term includes checks or
30 electronic drafts where authorized by this section.

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