
SENATE BILL 5356

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By Senator Haugen

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1 AN ACT Relating to payment of claims by cities and towns; and
2 amending RCW 42.24.180.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 42.24.180 and 1984 c 128 s 11 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 In order to expedite the payment of claims, the legislative body of
7 any taxing district, as defined in RCW 43.09.260, may authorize the
8 issuance of warrants or checks in payment of claims after the
9 provisions of this chapter have been met and after the officer
10 designated by statute, or, in the absence of statute, an appropriate
11 charter provision, ordinance, or resolution of the taxing district, has
12 signed the checks or warrants, but before the legislative body has
13 acted to approve the claims. The legislative body may stipulate that
14 certain kinds or amounts of claims shall not be paid before the board
15 has reviewed the supporting documentation and approved the issue of
16 checks or warrants in payment of those claims. However, all of the
17 following conditions shall be met before the payment:

18 (1) The auditing officer and the officer designated to sign the
19 checks or warrants shall each be required to furnish an official bond

1 for the faithful discharge of his or her duties in an amount determined
2 by the legislative body but not less than fifty thousand dollars;

3 (2) The legislative body shall adopt contracting, hiring,
4 purchasing, and disbursing policies that implement effective internal
5 control;

6 (3) The legislative body shall provide for its review of the
7 documentation supporting claims paid and for its approval of all checks
8 or warrants issued in payment of claims at its next regularly scheduled
9 public meeting or, for cities and towns, at a regularly scheduled
10 public meeting within one month of issuance; and

11 (4) The legislative body shall require that if, upon review, it
12 disapproves some claims, the auditing officer and the officer
13 designated to sign the checks or warrants shall jointly cause the
14 disapproved claims to be recognized as receivables of the taxing
15 district and to pursue collection diligently until the amounts
16 disapproved are collected or until the legislative body is satisfied
17 and approves the claims.

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