
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5478

State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Government Operations & Elections (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Winsley and Schmidt)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the surcharge for preservation of historical
2 documents; and amending RCW 36.22.170.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.22.170 and 1993 c 37 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 A surcharge of (~~two~~) three dollars per instrument shall be
7 charged by the county auditor for each document recorded, which will be
8 in addition to any other charge authorized by law. Fifty percent of
9 the revenue generated through this surcharge shall be transmitted
10 monthly to the state treasurer who shall distribute such funds to each
11 county treasurer within the state in July of each year in accordance
12 with the formula described in RCW 36.22.190. The county treasurer
13 shall place the funds received in a special account titled the
14 auditor's centennial document preservation and modernization account to
15 be used solely for ongoing preservation of historical documents of all
16 county offices and departments and shall not be added to the county
17 current expense fund. Fifty percent of the revenue generated by this
18 surcharge shall be retained by the county and deposited in the

1 auditor's operation and maintenance fund for ongoing preservation of
2 historical documents of all county offices and departments.

3 The centennial document preservation and modernization account is
4 hereby created in the custody of the state treasurer and shall be
5 classified as a treasury trust account. State distributions from the
6 centennial document preservation and modernization account shall be
7 made without appropriation.

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