

in favor of the construction most likely to satisfy federal laws entitling this state to receive federal matching funds for the various programs of public health.

Severability.

Sec. 13. If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

Construction  
—Religious  
liberty.

Sec. 14. Nothing in this act shall be construed to abridge the right of any person to rely exclusively on spiritual means alone through prayer to alleviate human ailments, sickness or disease, in accordance with the tenets and practice of the Church of Christ, Scientist, nor shall anything in this act be deemed to prohibit a person so relying who is inflicted with a contagious or communicable disease from being isolated or quarantined in a private place of his own choice, provided, it is approved by the local health officer, and all laws, rules and regulations governing control, sanitation, isolation and quarantine are complied with.

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## CHAPTER 103.

[Engrossed House Bill No. 182.]

### COUNTIES—CENTRAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

AN ACT relating to county government; authorizing the creation and organization of a county central service department; defining their powers and duties; and prescribing procedures.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

Section 1. A new chapter shall be added to chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and to Title 36 RCW which shall consist of sections 2 through 10 of this act. New chapter

Sec. 2. The purpose of this act is to provide county officials of each county with a modern approach to the common problems encountered by said officers in accounting, record keeping, and problem solving, thereby effectuating economies in county government. County central services departments—Purpose.

It is further the intent of this act that the constitutional autonomy of the various county officers be preserved while providing such officials with a centralized department to perform ministerial functions for them on the most modern and efficient machines available.

Sec. 3. As used in this act, the following words shall have the meanings ascribed herein: Definitions

(1) "Services department" shall mean the county central services department, established in accordance with the provisions of this act.

(2) "Board" shall mean the board of county commissioners.

(3) "Automatic data processing" or "ADP" shall mean that method of processing information using mechanical or electronic machines, guided by predetermined instructions to produce information in usable form, and shall include but not be limited to electronic accounting machines, electronic data processing machines, and computers.

(4) "Electronic accounting machines" or "EAM" shall mean that method of ADP utilizing punch cards or unit record equipment.

(5) "Electronic data processing" or "EDP" shall include that system which comprises a combination of equipment or unites to provide input of source data, storage and processing of data and output in

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predetermined form, including a central processing unit (CPU) or main frame.

(6) "Computer" shall mean any device that is capable of solving problems and supplying results by accepting data and performing prescribed operations. It shall include analog or digital, general purpose or special purpose computers.

(7) "Copy" or "micro-copy" shall mean photographic, photostatic, photomechanical or other copy process.

It is the intent of this act that the definitions contained in subsections (3) through (7) of this section shall be construed in the broadest possible interpretation in order that new and modern equipment and methods as they become available shall be included therein.

Creation—Supervisor—Salary.

Sec. 4. By resolution, the board of county commissioners may create a county central services department which shall be organized and function as any other department of the county. When a board creates a central services department, it shall also provide for the appointment of a supervisor to be the administrative head of such department, subject to the supervision and control of the board, and to serve at the pleasure of the board. The supervisor shall receive such salary as may be prescribed by the board. In addition, the supervisor shall be reimbursed for traveling and other actual and necessary expenses incurred by him in the performance of his official duties.

Central services fund—Uses—Transfers to.

Sec. 5. When a central services department is created, the board shall establish a central services fund for the payment of all costs of conducting those services for which such department was organized and annually budget therefor. It may make transfers into the central services fund from the current expense fund and receive funds for such

purposes from other departments and recipients of such services.

Sec. 6. Services departments created pursuant to this act shall initially draw a comprehensive data processing use plan. It shall establish levels of service to be performed by the department and shall establish levels of service required by using agencies. Before proceeding with purchase, lease or acquisition of the data processing equipment, the comprehensive data processing use plan shall be adopted by the board.

Duties and functions of department.

When established by the board, the services department may perform the service functions relating to accounting, record keeping, and micro-copy by the utilization of automatic data processing and micro-copy equipment.

In relation to said equipment the services department shall perform any ministerial services authorized by the board and requested by the various officers and departments of the county. In this connection, it is the intent of this act that the services department be authorized to utilize such equipment to the highest degree consistent with the purposes of this act and not inconsistent with constitutional powers and duties of such officers.

The services department is also authorized to utilize such equipment for the purpose of problem solving when such problem solving is of a ministerial rather than a discretionary nature.

Sec. 7. The supervisor shall have the authority to appoint, subject to the approval of the board, such clerical and other assistants as may be required and authorized for the proper discharge of the functions of the services department.

Supervisor—  
Assistants and  
other clerical  
help.

Sec. 8. The board of county commissioners shall fix the terms and charges for services rendered by the central services department pursuant to this act,

Charges for  
services.

which amounts shall be credited as income to the appropriate account within the central services fund and charged on a monthly basis against the account of the recipient for whom such services were performed. Moneys derived from the activities of the central services department shall be disbursed from the central services fund by the county treasurer by warrants on vouchers duly authorized by the board.

Ministerial duties not to be performed after department created.

Sec. 9. When a board of county commissioners creates a central services department pursuant to section 4 of this act, the ministerial services to be performed by such department in connection with automatic data processing shall not thereafter be performed by any other officer or employee of said county.

Severability.

Sec. 10. If any provision of this act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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## CHAPTER 104.

[Engrossed House Bill No. 517.]

### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION—PURCHASING.

AN ACT relating to state government; relating to the department of general administration, division of purchasing and purchasing committee; adding new sections to chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 43.19 RCW; amending section 43.19.190, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.19.190; amending section 43.19.1902, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.19.1902; amending section 43.19.1904, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.19.1904; amending section 43.19-