

## CHAPTER 57

[House Bill No. 111]

## SEWER DISTRICTS—WATER DISTRICTS—TREASURER DESIGNATION

AN ACT Relating to treasurers of water and sewer districts; amending section 46, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 7, chapter 272, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 56.16.140; amending section 23, chapter 114, Laws of 1929 as amended by section 14, chapter 108, Laws of 1959 and RCW 57.20.140; adding a new section to chapter 56.16 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 57.20 RCW.

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

Sec. 1. Section 46, chapter 210, Laws of 1941 as last amended by section 7, chapter 272, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 56.16.140 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless the board of commissioners of a sewer district designates a treasurer under section 2 of this 1983 act, the county treasurer of the county in which the district is located or the county in which fifty-one percent or more of the area of the district is located shall create and maintain a separate fund designated as the maintenance fund or general fund of the sewer district into which shall be paid all money received by him from the collection of taxes levied by such district other than taxes levied for the payment of general obligation bonds thereof, and into which shall be paid all revenues of the district other than assessments levied in utility local improvement districts, and no money shall be disbursed therefrom except upon warrants of the county auditor issued by authority of the commissioners or upon a resolution of the commissioners ordering a transfer to any other fund of the district. The county treasurer of each county in which the district or a portion thereof is located shall also maintain such other special funds as may be prescribed by the sewer district, into which shall be placed such moneys as the board of sewer commissioners may by its resolution direct, and from which disbursements shall be made upon proper warrants of the county auditor issued against the same by authority of the board of sewer commissioners.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 56.16 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Upon obtaining the approval of the county treasurer, the board of commissioners of a sewer district with more than twenty-five hundred customers may designate by resolution some other person having experience in financial or fiscal matters as the treasurer of the district. Such a treasurer shall possess all of the powers, responsibilities, and duties that the county treasurer and auditor possess for a sewer district related to creating and maintaining funds, issuing warrants, and investing surplus district funds. Such treasurer shall be bonded for not less than twenty-five thousand dollars.

Approval by the county treasurer authorizing such a sewer district to designate its treasurer shall not be arbitrarily or capriciously withheld.

Sec. 3. Section 23, chapter 114, Laws of 1929 as amended by section 14, chapter 108, Laws of 1959 and RCW 57.20.140 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless the board of commissioners of a water district designates a treasurer under section 4 of this 1983 act, the county treasurer shall create and maintain a separate fund designated as the maintenance fund or general fund of the district into which shall be paid all money received by him from the collection of taxes other than taxes levied for the payment of general obligation bonds of the district and all revenues of the district other than assessments levied in local improvement districts or utility local improvement districts, and no money shall be disbursed therefrom except upon warrants of the county auditor issued by authority of the commissioners or upon a resolution of the commissioners ordering a transfer to any other fund of the district. The county treasurer shall also maintain such other special funds as may be prescribed by the water district, into which shall be placed such moneys as the board of water commissioners may by its resolution direct, and from which disbursements shall be made upon proper warrants of the county auditor issued against the same by authority of the board of water commissioners.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 57.20 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Upon obtaining the approval of the county treasurer, the board of commissioners of a water district with more than twenty-five hundred customers may designate by resolution some other person having experience in financial or fiscal matters as the treasurer of the district. Such a treasurer shall possess all of the powers, responsibilities, and duties that the county treasurer and auditor possess for a water district related to creating and maintaining funds, issuing warrants, and investing surplus district funds. Such treasurer shall be bonded for not less than twenty-five thousand dollars. Approval by the county treasurer authorizing such a water district to designate its treasurer shall not be arbitrarily or capriciously withheld.

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