

## CHAPTER 221

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2111]

WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS—COUNTY  
REIMBURSEMENT—MERGER

AN ACT Relating to counties; and amending section 36.47.040, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 35, chapter 195, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 36.47.040; and adding a new section to chapter 36.47 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 36.47.040, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 as last amended by section 35, chapter 195, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 36.47.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Each county which designates the Washington state association of county officials as the agency through which the duties imposed by RCW 36.47.020 may be executed is authorized to reimburse the association from the county current expense fund for the cost of any such services rendered: **PROVIDED**, That no reimbursement shall be made to the association for any expenses incurred under RCW 36.47.050 for travel, meals, or lodging of such county officials, or their representatives at such meetings, but such expenses may be paid by such official's respective county as other expenses are paid for county business. Such reimbursement shall be paid only on vouchers submitted to the county auditor and approved by the board of county commissioners of each county in the manner provided for the disbursement of other current expense funds. Each such voucher shall set forth the nature of the services rendered by the association, supported by affidavit that the services were actually performed. The total of such reimbursements for any county in any calendar year shall not exceed a sum equal to the amount which would be raised by a levy of (~~one-quarter~~) one-half of a cent per thousand dollars of assessed value against the taxable property in such county.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 36.47 RCW a new section to read as follows:

It is the desire of the legislature that the Washington State Association of County Officials, as set forth in chapter 36.47 RCW and the Washington State Association of Counties, as set forth in RCW 36.32.350, shall merge into one association of elected county officers. Only one association shall carry out the duties imposed by RCW 36.32.335 through 36.32.360 and RCW 36.47.020 through 36.47.060.

The two organizations shall report to the legislature by January 1, 1978 on the details of this merger.

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