

police of the municipality or the sheriff of the county of which the seller is a resident. The seller shall deliver the pistol to the purchaser following the period of time specified in this section unless the seller is notified in writing by the chief of police of the municipality or the sheriff of the county, whichever is applicable, denying the purchaser's application to purchase and the grounds thereof. The application shall not be denied unless the purchaser fails to meet the requirements specified in RCW 9.41.040. The chief of police of the municipality or the county sheriff shall maintain a file containing the original of the application to purchase a pistol.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 9.41 RCW to read as follows:

After a public hearing, the department of game shall publish a pamphlet on firearms safety and the legal limits of the use of firearms. The pamphlet shall include current information on firearms laws and regulations and state preemption of local firearms laws. This pamphlet may be used in the department's hunter safety education program and shall be provided to the department of licensing for distribution to firearms dealers and persons authorized to issue concealed pistol licenses. The department of game shall reimburse the department of licensing for costs associated with distribution of the pamphlet.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. 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 429

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 203]

COUNTY ROAD PROPERTY TAX REVENUE DIVERSIONS—STUDY BY STATE AUDITOR—COUNTY ROADS ON MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES— MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES—COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CIVIL SERVICE

AN ACT Relating to counties; amending RCW 41.14.010; adding a new section to chapter 36.75 RCW; creating a new section; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The state auditor shall conduct a study relating to diversions of county road property tax revenues by counties under

RCW 36.33.220 for traffic law enforcement expenditures under RCW 36.79.140. The study shall identify the specific traffic law enforcement functions funded by county road property tax revenues. The state auditor also shall identify the total expenditures for the county departments of public safety and the source of funds for these expenditures.

The study also shall determine the total diversions of county road property tax revenues under RCW 36.33.220 by any county by year, beginning in 1972, and shall identify the purposes for which diversions have been made.

The results of this study shall be submitted to the legislative transportation committee by December 31, 1985.

This section shall expire on December 31, 1985.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 36.75 RCW to read as follows:

If the centerline of a portion of a county road is part of a corporate boundary of a city or town as of the effective date of this 1985 act and that portion of county road has no connection to the county road system, maintenance of all affected portions of the road shall be the responsibility of such city or town after a petition requesting the same has been made to the city or town by the county legislative authority.

Sec. 3. Section 1, chapter 1, Laws of 1959 and RCW 41.14.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The general purpose of this chapter is to establish a merit system of employment for county deputy sheriffs and other employees of the office of county sheriff, thereby raising the standards and efficiency of such offices and law enforcement in general. The provisions of this chapter have no application to any class AA county which provides for civil service in the police department or sheriff's office by local charter or ordinance where such local charter or ordinance substantially accomplishes the purpose of this chapter: PROVIDED, That if any such county at any time repeals the charter provisions or ordinances providing for civil service for the police department or sheriff's office, this chapter must thereafter apply to such county.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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