

performance of their duties in the same manner as provided for state officials generally in chapter 43.03 RCW as now or hereafter amended.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. If any provision of this 1974 act is declared unconstitutional, or the applicability thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of the act and the applicability thereof to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. The enactment of this 1974 act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the effective date of this 1974 act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. Any person violating the provisions of this chapter or rules adopted hereunder is guilty of a misdemeanor and is guilty of a gross misdemeanor for any subsequent offense, however, any offense committed more than five years after a previous conviction shall be considered a first offense.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. The provisions of this chapter shall be cumulative and nonexclusive and shall not affect any other remedy.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. There is added to Title 70 RCW a new chapter as set forth in sections 1 through 17 of this 1974 act.

Passed the House January 21, 1974.
Passed the Senate February 6, 1974.
Approved by the Governor February 14, 1974.
Filed in Office of Secretary of State February 14, 1974.

CHAPTER 50
[House Bill No. 1084]
PUBLIC TIME DEPOSITS—
INTEREST RATE

AN ACT Relating to the deposit and investment of public funds; and amending section 12, chapter 193, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 39.58.120.

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

Section 1. Section 12, chapter 193, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 39.58.120 are each amended to read as follows:

(The public deposit protection commission shall from time to time fix the rate of interest to be paid by qualified public depositaries upon investment deposits; PROVIDED; That) Time deposits issued pursuant to this chapter shall bear interest at a rate ((which would)) not ((be)) in excess of ((one hundred percent of the average bill rate at the last U. S. Treasury 91-day bill market

auction or in excess of)) the maximum rate permitted by any applicable governmental regulation.

Passed the House January 29, 1974.
Passed the Senate February 7, 1974.
Approved by the Governor February 14, 1974.
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CHAPTER 51
[House Bill No. 1173]
COUNTY ASSISTANCE TO
MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

AN ACT Relating to counties; and adding a new section to chapter 36.32 RCW.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is hereby added to chapter 36.32 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The legislative authority of any county shall have the power to furnish, upon such terms as the board may deem proper, with or without consideration, financial or other assistance to any municipal corporation, or political subdivision within such county for the purpose of implementing the fire protection, ambulance, medical or other emergency services provided by such municipal corporation, or political subdivision: PROVIDED, That no such municipal corporation or political subdivision shall be authorized to expend any funds or property received as part of such assistance for any purpose, or in any manner, for which it could not otherwise legally expend its own funds.

Passed the House January 25, 1974.
Passed the Senate February 6, 1974.
Approved by the Governor February 14, 1974.
Filed in Office of Secretary of State February 14, 1974.

CHAPTER 52
[House Bill No. 1180]
COUNTY PURCHASES—COMPETITIVE
BIDDING, ELECTION PRINTING--EXEMPTION

AN ACT Relating to counties; and amending section 36.32.240, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 as amended by section 15, chapter 144, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 36.32.240.

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