

CHAPTER 130.

[S. B. 417.]

COUNTIES—COORDINATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.

AN ACT relating to counties; providing for the improvement and coordination of county administrative procedures.

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

SECTION 1. The necessity and the desirability of coordinating the administrative programs of all of the counties in this state is recognized by this act.

Legislative declaration.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the assessor, auditor, clerk, coroner, sheriff, superintendent of schools, treasurer, prosecuting attorney of each county in the state to take such action as they jointly deem necessary to effect the coordination of the administrative programs of each county and to submit to the governor and the legislature biennially a joint report or joint reports containing recommendations for procedural changes which would increase the efficiency of the respective departments headed by such elected county officials.

Duty of county officers enunciated.

SEC. 3. The elected county officials enumerated in section 2 of this act are empowered to designate the Washington state association of elected county officials as a coordinating agency through which the duties imposed by section 2 of this act may be performed, harmonized, or correlated.

Permissible coordinating agency.

SEC. 4. Each county which designates the Washington state association of elected county officials as the agency through which the duties imposed by section 2 of this act 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

Reimbursement if state association is coordinating agency.

under section 5 of this act for travel, meals, or lodging of such elected 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 revenues produced by a levy of one-hundredth of a mill against the assessed valuation of taxable property in such county.

Further
action au-
thorized.

SEC. 5. The elected county officials enumerated in section 2 of this act are authorized to take such further action as they deem necessary to comply with the intent of this act, including attendance at state and district meetings which may be required to formulate the reports provided for in section 2 of this act.

Records of
association
audited.

SEC. 6. The financial records of the Washington state associations of elected county officials shall be subject to audit by the Washington state division of municipal corporations.

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Approved by the Governor March 16, 1959.