

general fund, the sum of twenty-four thousand six hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 1975, to carry out the purposes of this 1973 amendatory act.

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CHAPTER 111

[Senate Bill No. 2568]

SCHOOL DISTRICTS--2ND AND 3RD CLASS--

WARRANTS ISSUANCE--AUTHORIZED

AN ACT Relating to the issuance of warrants; amending sections 28A.66.010 and 28A.66.040, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.66.010 and 28A.66.040; amending section 36.22.090, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.22.090; adding a new section to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.60 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.58 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.60 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Second and third class school districts, subject to the approval of the superintendent of public instruction, may draw and issue warrants for the payment of moneys upon approval of a majority of the board of directors, such warrants to be signed by the chairman of the board and countersigned by the secretary: PROVIDED, That when, in the judgment of the board of directors, the orders for warrants issued by the district monthly shall have reached such numbers that the signing of each warrant by the chairman of the board personally imposes too great a task on the chairman, the board of directors, after auditing all payrolls and bills, may authorize the issuing of one general certificate to the county treasurer, to be signed by the chairman of the board, authorizing said treasurer to pay all the warrants specified by date, number, name and amount, and the funds on which said warrants shall be drawn; thereupon the secretary of said board shall be authorized to draw and sign said orders for warrants.

Accounts and the records of second and third class school districts drawing and issuing warrants as provided in this section shall at all times be subject to the inspection and examination of

the intermediate school district superintendent, whose duty it shall be, annually, to examine said records and check said accounts, and report in writing to the proper board of county commissioners the nature and state of said accounts, and any facts that may be required concerning said records.

Sec. 2. Section 28A.66.010, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.66.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The county auditor shall register in his own office, and present to the treasurer for registration in the office of the county treasurer, all warrants of first class districts, and all warrants of second and third class districts electing to draw and issue their own warrants under section 1 of this 1973 amendatory act, received from school district superintendents or district secretaries before delivery of the same to claimants.

Sec. 3. Section 28A.66.040, chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 28A.66.040 are each amended to read as follows:

The county auditor shall draw and issue warrants for the payment of all salaries, expenses and accounts against second and third class districts, except those who draw and issue their own warrants pursuant to section 1 of this 1973 amendatory act, ((and third class districts)) upon the written order of the majority members of the school board of each district.

Sec. 4. Section 36.22.090, chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and RCW 36.22.090 are each amended to read as follows:

All warrants for the payment of claims against diking, ditch, drainage and irrigation districts and school districts of the second and third class, who do not issue their own warrants, ((and third class)) as well as political subdivisions within the county for which no other provision is made by law, shall be drawn and issued by the county auditor of the county wherein such subdivision is located upon vouchers properly approved by the governing body thereof.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. There is added to chapter 223, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and to chapter 28A.58 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Any school district authorized to draw and issue their own warrants may deposit the cumulative total of the net earnings of any group of employees in one or more banks within the state such group or groups may designate, to be credited to the individuals composing such groups, by a single warrant to each bank so designated or by other commercially acceptable methods: PROVIDED, That any such collective authorization shall be made in writing by a minimum of twenty-five employees or ten percent of the employees, whichever is less.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. If any provision of this 1973 amendatory 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 112

[Senate Bill No. 2038]

NATURE CONSERVANCY LANDS--TAX EXEMPTION

AN ACT Relating to revenue and taxation; amending section 43, chapter 149, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.260; and adding new sections to chapter 84.36 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 43, chapter 149, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.260 are each amended to read as follows:

All real property (~~whether real or personal~~) or leaseholds thereof used exclusively for the conservation of ecological systems or natural resources, owned in fee or by contract purchase by any nonprofit corporation or association the primary purpose of which is (~~providing education and recreation for the general public and the conservation of natural resources for such education and recreation~~) the conducting or facilitating of scientific research or the conserving of natural resources for the general public, shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation if either of the following conditions are met:

(1) Such property shall be used (~~solely~~) and effectively dedicated primarily for the purpose of providing (~~recreation or education~~) scientific research or educational opportunities for the general public or the preservation of native plants or animals, or biotic communities, or works of ancient man or geological or geographical formations, of distinct scientific and educational interest, and not for the pecuniary benefit of any person or company, as defined in RCW 82.04.030; and shall be open to the general public for educational and scientific research purposes subject to reasonable restrictions designed for its protection; or

(2) Such property shall be subject to an option, accepted in writing by the state, a city or a county, or department of the United States government, for the purchase thereof by the state, a city or a county, or the United States, at a price not exceeding the lesser of the following amounts: (a) the sum of the original purchase cost to such nonprofit corporation or association plus interest from the date