

House Study Bill 552

Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [331.506](#), subsection 1, Code 1999, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 1. a. Except as provided in subsections 2 and 3, the
1 4 auditor shall prepare and sign

~~or issue~~

- a county warrant only

1 5 after

~~approval~~

- issuance of the warrant has been approved by

1 6 the board by recorded vote. Each warrant shall be numbered
1 7 and the date, amount, number, name of the person to whom
1 8 issued, and the purpose for which the warrant is issued, shall
1 9 be entered in the county system. Each warrant shall be made
1 10 payable to the person performing the service or furnishing the
1 11 supplies for which the warrant makes payment.

1 12 b. The auditor shall not issue a warrant to a drawee until
1 13 the auditor has transmitted to the treasurer a list of the
1 14 warrants to be issued. The list shall include the date,
1 15 amount, and number of the warrant, name of the person to whom
1 16 the warrant is issued, and the purpose for which the warrant
1 17 is issued. The treasurer shall acknowledge receipt of the
1 18 list by affixing the treasurer's signature at the bottom of
1 19 the list and immediately returning the list to the auditor.
1 20 The requirement that the treasurer sign to acknowledge receipt
1 21 of the list is satisfied by use of a digital signature or
1 22 other secure electronic signature if the county auditor and
1 23 treasurer have complied with the applicable provisions of
1 24 chapter 554C.

1 25 c. The warrant list signed by the treasurer shall be
1 26 preserved by the auditor for at least two years. The
1 27 requirement that the list be preserved is satisfied by
1 28 preservation of the list in electronic form if the
1 29 requirements of section 554C.205 are met.

1 30 d. The requirement that the county auditor sign a warrant
1 31 is satisfied by use of a digital signature or other secure
1 32 electronic signature if the county auditor has complied with
1 33 the applicable provisions of chapter 554C.

1 34 e. In lieu of the auditor issuing a warrant to a drawee,
1 35 the auditor may issue a warrant payment order to the county
2 1 treasurer. Upon receipt of the warrant payment order, the
2 2 treasurer may submit payment to the drawee through an
2 3 electronic funds transfer system.

2 4 Sec. 2. Section [331.552](#), Code 1999, is amended by adding
2 5 the following new subsection:

2 6 NEW SUBSECTION. 33. Carry out duties relating to warrant
2 7 lists provided by the county auditor pursuant to section
2 8 331.506, subsection 1.

2 9 Sec. 3. Section [331.554](#), subsection 4, Code 1999, is
2 10 amended to read as follows:

2 11 4. The treasurer shall return the paid warrants to the
2 12 auditor. The original warrant shall be preserved for at least
2 13 two years. The requirement that the original warrant be
2 14 preserved is satisfied by preservation of the warrant in
2 15 electronic form if the requirements of section 554C.205 are

2 16 met. The treasurer shall make monthly reports to show for
2 17 each warrant the number, date, drawee's name, when paid, to
2 18 whom paid, original amount, and interest.

2 19 Sec. 4. Section 331.554, subsection 6, Code 1999, is
2 20 amended to read as follows:

2 21 6. The amount of a check, other than a warrant,
2 22 outstanding for more than two years shall be paid to the
2 23 treasurer and credited as unclaimed fees and trusts. The
2 24 treasurer shall provide a list of the checks to the auditor
2 25 who shall maintain a record of the unclaimed fees and trusts.
2 26 A person may claim an unclaimed fee or trust within five years
2 27 after the money is credited upon proper proof of ownership.

2 28 EXPLANATION

2 29 This bill changes the requirements of the county auditor
2 30 and county treasurer relating to issuance of county warrants
2 31 and preservation of records relating to county warrants.

2 32 The bill requires the county auditor to send a list of the
2 33 warrants to be issued to the county treasurer before the
2 34 warrants are issued. The treasurer must acknowledge receipt
2 35 of the list. The signature acknowledging receipt may be in
3 1 electronic form if the requirements of Code chapter 554C, the
3 2 Iowa electronic commerce security Act, are met. The bill
3 3 allows the auditor, in lieu of issuing a warrant to a drawee,
3 4 to issue a warrant payment order to the treasurer who may then
3 5 pay the drawee through an electronic funds transfer.

3 6 The bill requires warrant lists to be preserved for at
3 7 least two years. Current Code requires that the original
3 8 warrants be preserved for at least two years. The bill allows
3 9 counties to preserve warrants and warrant lists in electronic
3 10 form if the requirements of Code chapter 554C are met.

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