

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0214

Local government payments-electronic payments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Thayer, Davis, Geringer,
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Senator(s) Barlow and Crum

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to cities, towns and counties; authorizing
2 local governments to pay claims and demands through
3 electronic payment means; making conforming amendments; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section** 1. W.S. 15-1-125(b), 15-4-302(a),
9 18-3-511(a), 18-3-810 and 18-3-811 are amended to read:

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11 **15-1-125. Presentation and payment of claims; when**
12 **warrant draws interest; exception.**

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14 (b) Upon the allowance of any claim or demand by the
15 governing body, the treasurer shall ~~issue a check or~~

1 ~~warrant~~ make payment for the correct amount. The treasurer
2 may make payment by issuing a check or warrant or by using
3 an electronic payment method or fund transfer system. Any
4 check or warrant shall be signed by the mayor and
5 countersigned by the treasurer or any other person the
6 governing body designates to countersign checks or warrants
7 in the treasurer's absence. If there is not sufficient
8 money in the treasury to pay the warrant, the treasurer
9 shall endorse on the warrant the date and a statement that
10 it has been presented for payment but has not been paid for
11 want of funds. Thereafter, the warrant shall draw interest
12 at the rate of ten percent (10%) per year.

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14 **15-4-302. Finances; warrants; use for disbursements;**
15 **exception; limitations; contents; procedure.**

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17 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, all
18 disbursements shall be made by check or warrant signed by
19 the manager and countersigned by the mayor or by using an
20 electronic payment method or fund transfer system. No check
21 or warrant may be drawn in payment of a claim, and no
22 electronic payment or fund transfer may be made, of more
23 than fifty dollars (\$50.00) until the claim is certified by

1 the manager and allowed by resolution of the governing
2 body. Each electronic payment or fund transfer, check or
3 warrant shall specify its purpose and shall be made payable
4 to the order of the person in whose favor it is drawn.

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6 **18-3-511. Presentation, auditing and payment of**
7 **claims; issuance of tax-anticipation warrants; limitation**
8 **and form of warrants; effect of acceptance.**

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10 (a) All claims and demands against a county shall be
11 presented for audit and allowance to the board of county
12 commissioners before any action in court is maintainable.
13 All claims when allowed shall be paid in accordance with
14 this subsection. Claims may be paid by using an electronic
15 payment method or fund transfer system or by a county
16 warrant or order drawn by the board on the county treasurer
17 upon the proper funds in the treasury for the amount of the
18 claims. ~~The~~ Any warrant or order shall be signed by the
19 permanent or temporary chairman of the board, attested by
20 the county clerk under the seal of the county, and
21 countersigned and registered by the county treasurer. The
22 warrant or order shall specify the amount of the claim or
23 service and be numbered and dated in the order in which it

1 is issued. ~~Such~~ Electronic payments or fund transfers,
2 warrants and orders are payable on demand and shall be
3 drawn and issued upon the county treasurer only when there
4 are sufficient monies in the appropriate fund in the
5 treasury to ~~pay such warrants and orders~~ make the required
6 payments.

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8 **18-3-810. Restrictions upon countersigning warrants.**

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10 No county treasurer shall countersign any blank county
11 order or warrant or other order or warrant, or make any
12 electronic payment or fund transfer, until ~~he~~ the treasurer
13 is satisfied that the electronic payment, order or warrant
14 was ordered drawn by the board of county commissioners.

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16 **18-3-811. Register of county orders and payments.**

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18 Each county treasurer shall keep in his office a book
19 called the register of county orders wherein shall be
20 entered on the date of the presentation thereof and without
21 interval or blank line between any entry and the one
22 preceding it every county order, warrant, electronic
23 payment or other certificate or evidence of county

1 indebtedness presented for payment whether or not it is
2 then paid, the date and number of ~~such~~ each electronic
3 payment, order or warrant, the amount payable, the name of
4 the person to whom ~~such~~ the electronic payment, order or
5 warrant is payable, and the name of the person presenting
6 the same. Every register of county orders shall be
7 available for inspection and examination by any person
8 during usual business hours.

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10 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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