

SENATE BILL NO. 441

2/16 Introduced
2/18 Referred to Local Government
2/23 Hearing
2/23 Committee Report-Bill Do Pass
2/26 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed

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 2 INTRODUCED BY *Bangston* *DB*

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ALLOW COUNTIES OF
 5 THE FIRST CLASS TO ESTABLISH COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENTS TO
 6 BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINANCIAL DUTIES THAT WOULD OTHERWISE
 7 BE HANDLED BY THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER."

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 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 Section 1. County finance department. (1) The board
 11 of county commissioners of a county of the first class may
 12 by resolution establish a county finance department.

13 (2) A county finance department is responsible for the
 14 financial management of the county that would otherwise be a
 15 duty of the county clerk and recorder. Such duties include
 16 budgeting, accounting and reporting, drawing and issuance of
 17 warrants, maintaining financial records, investing, and
 18 similar duties set forth in Title 7, chapter 6, and related
 19 financial responsibilities to be provided for districts and
 20 governmental entities that by law are a duty of the county
 21 clerk and recorder.

22 (3) Upon adoption of the resolution establishing a
 23 county finance department, unless otherwise specifically set
 24 forth in the resolution, any reference in a statute to a
 25 duty relating to county finance imposed on or to be

1 exercised by the county clerk and recorder or county clerk
 2 is the duty of the county finance department.

3 (4) The board of county commissioners shall establish
 4 the organization of the county finance department and
 5 provide personnel policies governing the department.

6 (5) The provisions of this section do not affect the
 7 duties of the county treasurer or county auditor except as
 8 is required for the conduct and interrelationship of their
 9 offices with the county department of finance rather than
 10 the county clerk and recorder.

11 (6) The provisions of this section may not be
 12 construed to limit or otherwise abridge the right of the
 13 state to ensure strict financial accountability by a county
 14 in conformance with Article VIII, section 12, of the Montana
 15 constitution, including the requirement for regular audits
 16 of counties set forth in 2-7-503.

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