# WEST VIRGINIA CODE CHAPTER 7 ARTICLE 21

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## §7-21-1. Short title.

This article may be known and cited as the "County Financial Stabilization Fund Act."

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## §7-21-2. Findings and declarations.

The Legislature finds and declares that:

(1) County government should maintain a prudent level of financial resources to try to protect against reducing service levels or raising taxes and fees because of temporary revenue shortfalls, unpredicted one-time expenditures or emergency situations; and

(2) The creation, maintenance and use of a financial stabilization fund will provide counties with assistance to meet these challenges, as well as enable them to improve their financial management and practices.

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## §7-21-3. Budget stabilization fund; creation; appropriation investments.

(a) A county commission may create a financial stabilization fund by a majority vote of the members. The fund may receive appropriations, gifts, grants, and any other funds made available.

(b) The county commission may appropriate a sum to the fund from any surplus in the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year or from any other money available.

(c) The county commission may, in the exercise of its discretion, make the moneys in the fund available for investment by the Board of Treasury Investments or the Investment Management Board in accordance with the provisions of §7-6-5a of this code: *Provided*, That if the amount of money in the fund exceeds 50 percent of the county's most recent General Fund budget, the county shall consider tax reduction measures.

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## §7-21-4. Fund investment; usage.

(a) The county commission may invest the money in the fund as it considers appropriate, with the earnings retained by the fund.

(b) The county commission may appropriate money in the financial stabilization fund upon a majority vote for any of the following purposes:

(1) To cover a general fund shortfall; or

(2) Any other purpose the commission considers appropriate.

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