

Severability.

SEC. 6. If any section of this act or part thereof shall be adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such adjudication shall not invalidate any other provision or provisions thereof.

Emergency.

SEC. 7. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1961.

Passed the House March 6, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1961.

CHAPTER 143.

[S. B. 338.]

TAXATION—LIMITATION OF LEVIES—
FORTY MILL LIMIT.

AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; and amending section 84.52.050, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 (House Bill No. 6) and RCW 84.52.050.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

RCW 84.52.050 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 84.52.050, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 (House Bill No. 6) and RCW 84.52.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Limitation of levies—"Forty mill" limit.

Except as hereinafter provided, the aggregate of all tax levies upon real and personal property by the state, municipal corporations, taxing districts and governmental agencies, now existing or hereafter created, shall not in any year exceed forty mills on the dollar of assessed valuation, which assessed valuation shall be fifty percent of the true and fair value of such property in money; and within and subject to the aforesaid limitation the levy by the state shall not exceed two mills to be used exclusively for the public assistance program of the state; the levy by any county shall not exceed eight mills; the levy

by or for any school district shall not exceed fourteen mills: *Provided*, That the levy by or for any union high school district shall not exceed two-fifths of the maximum levy permissible for any school district without a vote of the electors thereof and the levy by or for any component district within a union high school district shall not exceed three-fifths of the maximum levy permissible for any school district without a vote of the electors thereof: *Provided further*, That the levy against any nonhigh school district for the high school district fund shall not exceed two-fifths of the maximum levy permissible for any school district without a vote of the electors thereof and the levy by or for any such nonhigh school district shall not exceed the balance of such maximum permissible levy; the levy for any road district shall not exceed ten mills; and the levy by or for any city or town shall not exceed fifteen mills: *Provided further*, That counties of the fifth class and under are hereby authorized to levy from eight to eleven mills for general county purposes and from seven to ten mills for county road purposes if the total levy for both purposes does not exceed eighteen mills: *Provided further*, That counties of the fourth and the ninth class are hereby authorized to levy nine mills until such time as the junior taxing agencies are utilizing all the millage available to them.

Nothing herein shall prevent levies at the rates provided by existing law by or for any port or power district.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1961.

Passed the House March 5, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1961.