

twenty-five or more officers or employees of a single agency, or a total of one hundred or more officers or employees of several agencies have authorized such a deduction for payment to the same labor or employee organization: PROVIDED, FURTHER, That labor or employee organizations with five hundred or more members in state government may have payroll deduction for employee benefit programs.

(7) Voluntary deductions for political committees duly registered with the public disclosure commission and/or the federal election commission: PROVIDED, That twenty-five or more officers or employees of a single agency or a total of one hundred or more officers or employees of several agencies have authorized such a deduction for payment to the same political committee.

(8) Insurance contributions to the trustee of contracts for payment of premiums under contracts authorized by the state employees' insurance board.

Deductions from salaries and wages of public officers and employees other than those enumerated in this section or by other law, may be authorized by the director of financial management for purposes clearly related to state employment or goals and objectives of the agency and for plans authorized by the state employees' insurance board.

The authority to make deductions from the salaries and wages of public officers and employees as provided for in this section shall be in addition to such other authority as may be provided by law: PROVIDED, That the state or any department, division, or separate agency of the state shall not be liable to any insurance carrier or contractor for the failure to make or transmit any such deduction.

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CHAPTER 272

[Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 3723]

STADIUM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

AN ACT Relating to local government; and amending RCW 67.28.180.

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

Sec. 1. Section 11, chapter 236, Laws of 1967 as last amended by section 1, chapter 225, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 67.28.180 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Subject to the conditions set forth in subsection (2) of this section, the legislative body of any county or any city, is authorized to levy and collect a special excise tax of not to exceed two percent on the sale of or charge

made for the furnishing of lodging by a hotel, rooming house, tourist court, motel, trailer camp, and the granting of any similar license to use real property, as distinguished from the renting or leasing of real property: PROVIDED, That it shall be presumed that the occupancy of real property for a continuous period of one month or more constitutes a rental or lease of real property and not a mere license to use or to enjoy the same.

(2) Any levy authorized by this section shall be subject to the following:

(a) Any county ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to this chapter shall contain, in addition to all other provisions required to conform to this chapter, a provision allowing a credit against the county tax for the full amount of any city tax imposed pursuant to this chapter upon the same taxable event;

(b) In the event that any county has levied the tax authorized by this section and has, prior to June 26, 1975, either pledged the tax revenues for payment of principal and interest on city revenue or general obligation bonds authorized and issued pursuant to RCW 67.28.150 through 67.28.160 or has authorized and issued revenue or general obligation bonds pursuant to the provisions of RCW 67.28.150 through 67.28.160, such county shall be exempt from the provisions of subsection (a), so long as, and to the extent that the tax revenues are pledged for payment of principal and interest on bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of RCW 67.28.150 through 67.28.160: PROVIDED, That so much of such pledged tax revenues, together with any investment earnings thereon, not immediately necessary for actual payment of principal and interest on such bonds may be used for repayment either of limited tax levy general obligation bonds or of any county fund or account from which a loan was made, the proceeds from the bonds or loan being used to pay for constructing, installing, improving, maintaining, operating, and equipping stadium capital improvement projects to include, but not limited to a stadium restaurant facility, restroom facilities, artificial turf system, seating facilities, parking facilities and scoreboard and information system adjacent to or within a county owned stadium, together with equipment, utilities, accessories and appurtenances necessary thereto, and to pay for any engineering, planning, financial, legal and professional services incident to the development and operation of such stadium capital improvement projects. The stadium restaurant authorized by this subsection (2) (b) shall be operated by a private concessionaire under a contract with the county;

(c) No city within ((such)) a county exempt under subsection (2)(b) of this section may levy the tax authorized by this section so long as said county is so exempt: PROVIDED, That in the event that any city in such county has levied the tax authorized by this section and has, prior to June 26, 1975, authorized and issued revenue or general obligation bonds pursuant to the provisions of RCW 67.28.150 through 67.28.160, such city may levy the tax so long as and to the extent that the tax revenues are pledged

for payment of principal and interest on bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of RCW 67.28.150 through 67.28.160.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 273

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 3854]
ONGOING ABSENTEE VOTERS

AN ACT Relating to absentee voting; amending RCW 29.36.010; and adding new sections to chapter 29.36 RCW.

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

Sec. 1. Section 29.36.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 1, chapter 27, Laws of 1984 and RCW 29.36.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Any duly registered voter may vote an absentee ballot for any primary or election in the manner provided in this chapter.

(1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section and section 2 of this 1985 act, a registered voter desiring to cast an absentee ballot must apply in writing to his or her county auditor no earlier than forty-five days nor later than the day ((prior to)) before any election or primary((~~PROVIDED, That~~)).

(2) An application honored for a primary ballot shall also be honored as an application for a ballot for the following general election if the voter so indicates on his or her application((~~PROVIDED FURTHER, That~~)).

(3) A voter admitted to a hospital no earlier than five days before a primary or election and confined to the hospital on election day may apply by messenger for an absentee ballot on the day of the primary or election if a signed statement from the hospital administrator, or designee, verifying the voter's date of admission and status as a patient in the hospital on the day of the primary or election is attached to the absentee ballot application.

(4) Such applications must contain the voter's signature and may be made in person ((or)), by mail, or messenger((~~PROVIDED, That no~~)). An application for an absentee ballot shall not be approved unless the voter's signature upon the application compares favorably with the voter's signature upon his ((permanent)) or her registration record.