

public institutions, and shall take effect April 1, 1953.

Passed the House March 3, 1953.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1953.

CHAPTER 175.

[H. B. 380.]

TAXATION—LIMITATION ON LEVIES—FORTY MILL LIMIT.

AN ACT relating to property taxation; fixing rates of levy, and amending section 84.52.050, RCW.

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

SECTION 1. Section 84.52.050, RCW, as derived from chapter 23, Laws of 1951, 2nd Ex. Sess., is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

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 dis-

Forty mill limit.

Other limitations; state.

Counties.

School districts.

Union high school districts.

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trict 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.

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

Passed the House February 28, 1953.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1953.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1953.

CHAPTER 176.

[S. B. 19.]

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS—CONTRACTS— FINANCES—MERGERS.

AN Act relating to fire protection districts; providing for bids on all work done or purchases made in excess of one thousand dollars; creating special funds for fire districts in the county treasurer's office; authorizing the board of fire commissioners to contract indebtedness and issue of coupon warrants; authorizing bonds for capital purposes; providing for the transfer of the part of the area of one fire district to another fire district; amending sections 52.16.020 and 52.16.080, RCW; and adding new sections to chapters 52.12, 52.16, and 52.24, RCW.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. A new section is added to chapter 52.12. RCW, to read as follows: