

SEC. 22. This act is vitally necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1951.

Passed the House March 6, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1951, with the exception of sections 6, 7, 8, 10 and 21, which are vetoed.

CHAPTER 255.

[H. B. 434.]

TAXATION OF PROPERTY.

AN ACT relating to property taxation, eliminating certain county levies, revising limitations upon rates of levy, amending sections 74.04.090 and 84.52.050, R.C.W., and repealing sections 74.04.150, 74.04.160 and 74.04.170, R.C.W.

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

SECTION 1. Section 84.52.050 of the Revised Code of Washington, derived from section 1, of chapter 176, of the Laws of 1941, as last amended by section 1, of chapter 11, of the Extraordinary Session of 1950, is hereby 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 per cent 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 support of the University of Washington, Washington State College, and the State Colleges of Education; the levy by any county shall not ex- 40 mill limit.
State's levy.
County levy.

School district, road district, and city levies.

ceed ten mills; the levy by or for any school district shall not exceed twelve mills; 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.

Port and power districts excepted.

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

Additional levies.

The limitations imposed by this section shall not prevent the levy of additional taxes, not in excess of five mills a year and without anticipation of delinquencies in payment of taxes, in an amount equal to the interest and principal payable in the next succeeding year on general obligation bonds, outstanding on December 6, 1934, issued by or through the agency of the state, or any county, city, town, or school district, or the levy of additional taxes to pay interest on or toward the reduction, at the rate provided by statute, of the principal of county, city, town, or school district warrants outstanding on December 6, 1932; but this millage limitation with respect to general obligation bonds shall not apply to any taxing district in which a larger levy is necessary in order to prevent the impairment of the obligation of contracts. Any county, school district, metropolitan park district, city, or town may levy taxes at a rate in excess of the rate specified in this section, when authorized so to do by the electors of such county, school district, metropolitan park district, city or town by a three-fifths majority of those voting on the proposition at a special election, to be held in the year in which the levy is made, and not oftener than twice in such year, in the manner provided by law for holding general elections, at such time as may be fixed by the body authorized to call the same, which special election may be called by the board of county commissioners, board of school directors, or council, or other governing body of any metropolitan park district, city or

General obligation bonds outstanding on Dec. 6, 1934.

Warrants outstanding on Dec. 6, 1932.

County, school district, metropolitan park district, city or town; special election to exceed.

Vote required.

Number of elections per year.

town, by giving notice thereof for two successive weeks by publication and posting in the manner provided by law for giving notices of general elections, at which special election the proposition of authorizing such excess levy shall be submitted in such form as to enable the voters favoring the proposition to vote "Yes," and those opposed thereto to vote "No": *Provided*, That the total number of persons voting at such special election must constitute not less than forty per cent of the voters in said taxing district who voted at the last preceding general state election.

Notice of special election.

Number of voters required.

Any municipal corporation otherwise authorized by law to issue general obligation bonds for capital purposes may, at an election duly held after giving notice thereof as required by law, authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for capital purposes only, which shall not include the replacement of equipment, and provide for the payment of the principal and interest of such bonds by annual levies in excess of the tax limitation contained herein. Such an election shall not be held oftener than twice a calendar year, and the proposition to issue any such bonds and to exceed said tax limitation must receive the affirmative vote of a three-fifths majority of those voting on the proposition and the total number of persons voting at such election must constitute not less than forty per cent of the voters in said municipal corporation who voted at the last preceding general state election.

Municipal corporations; election; general obligation bonds for capital purposes.

Excess levies.

Vote required.

Any taxing district shall have the right by vote of its governing body to refund any general obligation bonds of said district issued for capital purposes only, and to provide for the interest thereon and amortization thereof by annual levies in excess of the tax limitation provided for herein.

Refund of general obligation bonds.

[Am. sec. 1, ch. 11, Laws of 1950, Ex. Sess., Rem. Supp. 1945, § 11238-1e.]

SEC. 2. Section 74.04.090 of the Revised Code of Washington, derived from section 7, chapter 216, of the Laws of 1939, as last amended by section 1, of chapter 172, of the Laws of 1943, is hereby amended to read as follows:

To the end that the department's supervision over county administration of public assistance funds may be made effective, the board of county commissioners of each county shall submit to the department and through the department to the committee a county plan which shall include:

(1) An agreement to submit an annual estimate at such time as may be fixed by the committee showing the county's requirements and resources for the ensuing year with respect to all public assistance and plans for the expenditure thereof;

(2) An agreement to submit quarterly budgets at least thirty days in advance of each quarterly period showing the requirements and resources of the county with respect to public assistance, together with supporting records and data, based upon past expenditures for such purposes and anticipated demands for further funds;

(3) An agreement to comply with the terms of this title respecting the issuance of warrants through the office of the state auditor;

(4) An agreement to keep such records, make such reports and use such blanks and forms as may be prescribed by the committee. Said records, reports, blanks and forms shall not exceed in scope and extent the minimum requirements of the federal government in respect thereof;

(5) An agreement to provide a full and fair hearing to each applicant;

(6) A statement of plans for the conduct of investigations of need and the determination of eligibility for the granting of public assistance.

[R.C.W. 74.04.090 is Rem. Supp. 1943, § 10007-107a.]

Vetoed.

SEC. 3. Sections 74.04.150, 74.04.160, and 74.04.170 of the Revised Code of Washington, derived from sections 10 and 11, of chapter 216, Laws of 1939, as last amended by chapter 172, of the Laws of 1943, are hereby repealed. Vetoed.

[R.C.W. 74.04.150 and 74.04.160 were derived from Rem. Supp. 1943, § 10007-110a; R.C.W. 74.04.170 was derived from Rem. Supp. 1943, § 10007-111a.]

Passed the House February 27, 1951.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1951, with the exception of sections 2 and 3, which are vetoed.

CHAPTER 256.

[H. B. 614.]

COUNTY HOSPITALS, FUNDS AND BUDGETS— DENTAL HYGIENISTS.

AN ACT relating to public health; regulating hospitals and establishing a county hospital fund, providing that dental hygienists may be employed by such hospitals and other persons or institutions, and regulating the duties of such hygienists; adding new sections to chapter 18.29 and chapter 36.62, R.C.W., and repealing section 36.62.250, R.C.W.

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

SECTION 1. There is added a new section to chapter 36.62, R.C.W., as derived from chapter 139, Laws of 1931, to read as follows: New section.

Every county which maintains a county hospital shall establish a "county hospital fund" into which fund shall be deposited monies received from any source for hospital care including funds from the state department of health to cover the total cost of providing medical care to recipients of public assistance and other persons without income and resources sufficient to secure them who are assigned to county hospital for treatment. Obligations incurred from such hospitalization shall be paid from the fund by County hospital fund.