

caused by any person as a result of the emergency cloud seeding program required by this act and this act shall supersede all existing statutes inconsistent herewith including, but not limited to RCW 4.92.090.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 4. There is hereby appropriated to the department of natural resources from the general fund the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 5. The provisions of this act shall expire on June 30, 1977, and thereafter be null and void and of no further force and effect whatsoever.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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## CHAPTER 4

### [Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 2056] EXCESS SCHOOL LEVIES—ELECTIONS

AN ACT Relating to revenue and taxation for the common schools; amending section 84.52.052, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 102, chapter 195, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.52.052; amending section 84.52.054, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 103, chapter 195, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.52.054; amending section 29.27.060, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 1, chapter 118, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 29.27.060; creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 84.52.052, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 102, chapter 195, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.52.052 are each amended to read as follows:

The limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 through 84.52.056, and RCW 84.52.043 shall not prevent the levy of additional taxes by 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, park and recreation district in class AA counties and counties of the second, eighth and ninth class, sewer district, water district, public hospital district, rural county library district, intercounty rural library district, fire protection district, cemetery district, city or town may levy taxes at a rate in excess of the rate specified in RCW 84.52.050 through 84.52.056 and RCW 84.52.043, or RCW 84.55.010 through 84.55.050, when authorized so to do by the electors of such county, school district, metropolitan park district, park and recreation district in class AA counties and counties of the second, eighth and ninth class, sewer district, water district, public hospital district, rural county library district, intercounty rural library district, fire protection district, cemetery district, city or town in the manner set forth in Article VII, section 2(a) of the Constitution of this state, as amended by Amendment 59 and as thereafter amended, at a special or general election to be held in the year in which

the levy is made or, in the case of a proposition authorizing levies for support of a school district for a two year period, at a special or general election to be held in the year in which the first annual levy is made: PROVIDED, That once additional tax levies have been authorized for the support of a school district for a two year period, no further additional tax levies for the support of the district for that period may be authorized except for expenditures attributable to an unanticipated increase in student enrollment and for the acquisition of motor vehicles for student transportation.

A special election may be called and the time therefor fixed by the board of county commissioners or other county legislative authority, board of school directors, or council, board of commissioners, or other governing body of any metropolitan park district, park and recreation district in class AA counties and counties of the second, eighth and ninth class, sewer district, water district, public hospital district, rural county library district, intercounty rural library district, fire protection district, cemetery district, city or town, by giving notice thereof by publication in the manner provided by law for giving notices of general elections, at which special election the proposition 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".

Sec. 2. Section 84.52.054, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 103, chapter 195, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.52.054 are each amended to read as follows:

The additional tax provided for in subparagraph (a) of the seventeenth amendment to the state Constitution as amended by Amendment 59 and as thereafter amended, and specifically authorized by RCW 84.52.052, as now or hereafter amended, shall be set forth in terms of dollars on the ballot of the proposition to be submitted to the voters, together with an estimate of the dollar rate of tax levy that will be required to produce the dollar amount; and the county assessor, in spreading this tax upon the rolls, shall determine the eventual dollar rate required to produce the amount of dollars so voted upon, regardless of the estimate of dollar rate of tax levy carried in said proposition. In the case of a school district proposition for a two year period, the dollar amount and the corresponding estimate of the dollar rate of tax levy shall be set forth for each of the two years. The dollar amount for each of the two annual levies may be equal or in different amounts.

Sec. 3. Section 29.27.060, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 1, chapter 118, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 29.27.060 are each amended to read as follows:

When a proposed constitution or constitutional amendment or other question is to be submitted to the people of the state for state-wide popular vote, the attorney general shall prepare a concise statement posed as a question and not exceeding twenty words containing the essential features thereof expressed in such a manner as to clearly identify the proposition to be voted upon.

Questions to be submitted to the people of a county or municipality shall also be advertised as provided for nominees for office, and in such cases there shall also be printed on the ballot a concise statement posed as a question and not exceeding twenty words, or seventy-five words in the case of a school district tax proposition, containing the essential features thereof expressed in such a manner as to clearly

identify the proposition to be voted upon, which statement shall be prepared by the city attorney for the city, and by the prosecuting attorney for the county or any other political subdivision of the state, other than cities, situated in the county.

Such concise statement shall constitute the ballot title. The secretary of state shall certify to the county auditors the ballot title for a proposed constitution, constitutional amendment or other state-wide question at the same time and in the same manner as the ballot titles to initiatives and referendums.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. If any provision of this 1977 amendatory 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.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. This 1977 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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## CHAPTER 5

[House Bill No. 172]

### HIGHER EDUCATION—CODE CORRECTION

AN ACT Relating to education; repealing section 13, chapter 15, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.65.080; repealing section 14, chapter 15, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.65.100; repealing section 15, chapter 15, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.65-.120; repealing section 16, chapter 15, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.65.150; repealing section 9, chapter 263, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., section 11, chapter 132, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess., section 78, chapter 34, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28B.81.090; and declaring an emergency.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

(1) Section 13, chapter 15, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.65.080;

(2) Section 14, chapter 15, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.65.100;

(3) Section 15, chapter 15, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.65.120;

(4) Section 16, chapter 15, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28A.65-.150; and

(5) Section 9, chapter 263, Laws of 1969 ex. sess., section 11, chapter 132, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess., section 78, chapter 34, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 28B.81.090.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1977 act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.