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legislature concerning the provision and financing of those services, and those junior taxing districts are put on notice that, due to extreme limitations in the availability of regular property taxing authority for junior taxing districts, these recommendations may involve significant changes from the status quo. The commission shall report its findings by December 1, 1987.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 5. 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.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 6. Sections 1 and 2 of this act are supplementary and in addition to any other authority granted by law and shall not be construed to limit any other law.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 7. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 39 RCW.

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CHAPTER 108

[Engrossed House Bill No. 1483] SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES

AN ACT Relating to special license plates; amending RCW 46.16.570; and repealing RCW 46.16.370.

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

Sec. 1. Section 4, chapter 200, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 24, Laws of 1983 1st ex. sess. and RCW 46-.16.570 are each amended to read as follows:

The personalized license plates shall be the same design as regular license plates, and shall consist of numbers or letters, or any combination thereof not exceeding seven positions unless proposed by the department and approved by the Washington state patrol and not less than ((two positions)) one position, to the extent that there are no conflicts with existing passenger, commercial, trailer, motorcycle, or special license plates series or with the provisions of RCW 46.16.230 or 46.16.235: PROVIDED, That the maximum number of positions on personalized license plates for motorcycles shall be designated by the department.

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<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. Section 1, chapter 201, Laws of 1961, section 25, chapter 32, Laws of 1967, section 3, chapter 27, Laws of 1983 and RCW 46.16.370 are each hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 109

[Substitute House Bill No. 1408] WATER DISTRICTS—WITHDRAWAL OF TERRITORY

AN ACT Relating to withdrawal of territory from a water district; and amending RCW 57.28.050.

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

Sec. 1. Section 5, chapter 55, Laws of 1941 and RCW 57.28.050 are each amended to read as follows:

The petition for withdrawal shall be heard at the time and place specified in such notice or the hearing may be adjourned from time to time, not exceeding one month in all, and any person may appear at such hearing and make objections to the withdrawal of such territory or to the proposed boundary lines thereof. Upon final hearing on the petition for withdrawal, the commissioners of the water district shall make such changes in the proposed boundary lines as they deem to be proper, except that no changes in the boundary lines shall be made by the commissioners to include lands not within the boundaries of the territory as described in such petition. In establishing and defining such boundaries the commissioners shall exclude any property which is then being furnished with water by ((said)) the water district or which is included in any distribution system the construction of which has been duly authorized or which is included within any duly established local improvement district or utility local improvement district, and the territory as finally established and defined must be substantial in area and consist of adjoining or contiguous properties. The ((said)) commissioners shall thereupon make and by resolution adopt findings of fact as to the following questions:

(1) ((Is the territory as so established and defined of such location or character that water cannot be furnished to it by such water district at reasonable cost?

(2))) Would the withdrawal of such territory be of benefit to such territory?

(((3))) (2) Would such withdrawal be conducive to the general welfare of the balance of the district?