

allocating or reallocating up to twenty mills between the taxing districts of the state and its political subdivisions and nothing herein contained shall prevent levies at the rates provided by existing law by or for any port or power district."

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State October 15, 1970.

Passed by the vote of the people at the November 7, 1972 state general election.

Proclamation signed by the Governor, December 7, 1972 declaring measure effective law.

CHAPTER 3

[House Bill No. 55]

PROPERTY TAXES--EXCESS LEVIES--MAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENT
REVISION--SPECIAL ELECTION APPROVAL

AN ACT Relating to revenue and taxation; amending section 84.52.052, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as last amended by section 26, chapter 288, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 84.52.052; 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 26, chapter 288, Laws of 1971 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, 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 rates provided by statute, of the principal of county, city, town, or school district warrants outstanding 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, 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, 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 ((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, 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 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 percent of the voters in said taxing district who voted at the last preceding general state election: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the total number of person voting on an excess levy for school district purposes or for fire protection purposes or for cities and towns at any such special election of such districts or of any city or town must constitute not less than forty percent of the voters in such taxing district or in any city or town, as the case may be who voted at the last preceding general election in such district)) 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 election to be held in the year in which the levy is made.

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 levies shall be submitted in such form as to enable the voters favoring the proposition to vote "yes" and those opposed thereto to vote "no".

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1973 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.

Passed the House January 18, 1973.

Passed the Senate January 17, 1973.

Approved by the Governor January 25, 1973.

Filed with the Secretary of State January 25, 1973.

CHAPTER 4

[Senate Bill No. 2021]

ELECTIONS--ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTIONS

AN ACT Relating to elections; amending section 29.13.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 2, chapter 123, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.13.010; amending section 29.39.030, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 5, chapter 109, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 29.39.030; amending section 29.42.030, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.42.030; amending section 29.42.040, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.42.040; amending section 29.42.050, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 2, chapter 32, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 29.42.050; amending section 29.80.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.80.010; amending section 29.81.100, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 5, chapter 145, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.81.100; and adding new sections to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and to chapter 29.13 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 29.13.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 2, chapter 123, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.13.010 are each amended to read as follows:

All state, county, city, town, and district general elections for the election of federal, state, legislative, judicial, county, city, town, district, and precinct officers, and for the submission to the voters of the state of any measure for their adoption and approval or rejection, shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, in the year in which they may be called. A