

CHAPTER 59.

[H. B. 18.]

LIBRARY DISTRICTS—BONDS—LEVIES.

AN ACT relating to rural county library districts and intercounty rural library districts and indebtedness thereof; authorizing and providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds and the levy of taxes in excess of existing legal limitations; amending section 4, chapter 65, Laws of 1947 and RCW 27.12.040, 27.12.050, 27.12.060, and 27.12.070; and amending section 7, chapter 75, Laws of 1947 and RCW 27.12.150.

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

Excess levies for capital purposes; authorized.

SECTION 1. In addition to the indebtedness authorized by RCW 27.12.150 and 27.12.070, rural county library districts and intercounty rural library districts may incur indebtedness for capital purposes to the full extent permitted by the Constitution and may issue general obligation bonds to pay therefor, not to exceed an amount equal to two percent of the assessed valuation of the taxable property within the district. Any such indebtedness shall be authorized by resolution of the board of library trustees, and the board of library trustees shall submit the question to the qualified electors of the district for their ratification or rejection whether or not such indebtedness shall be incurred and such bonds issued. Such proposition to be effective must be authorized by an affirmative vote of three-fifths of the electors within the district voting at a general or special election to be held for the purpose of authorizing such indebtedness and bond issue at which election the number of persons voting on the proposition shall constitute not less than forty percent of the total number of votes cast in such taxing district at the last preceding general election. If the voters shall so authorize, the district may levy annual taxes in excess of normal legal limitations to pay the principal and interest upon such bonds as they shall

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become due. The excess levies mentioned in this section or in RCW 84.52.052 or 84.52.056 may be made notwithstanding anything contained in RCW 27.12-.050, 27.12.070 or 27.12.150 or any other statute pertaining to such library districts.

SEC. 2. Bonds authorized by section 1 of this act shall be serial in form and maturity and numbered from one upward consecutively. Only bond No. 1 of any issue shall be of a denomination other than a multiple of one hundred dollars. The resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds shall fix the rate of interest the bonds shall bear at not to exceed six percent per annum, and the place and date of payment of principal and interest. The bonds shall be signed by the chairman of the board of library trustees and attested by the secretary. Coupons in lieu of being signed may bear the facsimile signature of such officers. Bonds shall be sold in such manner as the board of library trustees deems for the best interests of the district. All such bonds shall be legal securities for any bank or trust company for deposit with the state treasurer or any county or city treasurer as security for deposits in lieu of a surety bond under any law relating to deposits of public moneys.

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SEC. 3. Section 4, chapter 65, Laws of 1947 (heretofore codified and divided as RCW 27.12.040, 27.12-.050, 27.12.060 and 27.12.070) is divided and amended as set forth in sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 of this act.

Division and amendment.

SEC. 4. (RCW 27.12.040) The procedure for the establishment of a rural county library district shall be as follows:

Enacted without amendment.

(1) Petitions signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters of the county, outside of the area of incorporated cities and towns, asking that the question, "Shall a rural county library district be established?" be submitted to a vote of the people, shall be filed with the board of county commissioners.

(2) The board of county commissioners, after having determined that the petitions were signed by the requisite number of qualified petitioners, shall place the proposition for the establishment of a rural county library district on the ballot for the vote of the people of the county, outside incorporated cities and towns, at the next succeeding general or special election.

(3) If a majority of those voting on the proposition vote in favor of the establishment of the rural county library district, the board of county commissioners shall forthwith declare it established.

Appointment of trustees.

SEC. 5. (RCW 27.12.050) After the board of county commissioners has declared a rural county library district established, it shall appoint a board of library trustees and provide funds for the establishment and maintenance of library service for the district by making a tax levy on the property in the district of not more than two mills a year sufficient for the library service as shown to be required by the budget submitted to the board of county commissioners by the board of library trustees, and by making a tax levy in such further amount as shall be authorized pursuant to section 1 of this act or RCW 84.52.052 or 84.52.056. Such levies shall be a part of the general tax roll and shall be collected as a part of the general taxes against the property in the district.

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Coupon warrants.

SEC. 6. (RCW 27.12.060) The board of library trustees of this district may contract indebtedness, and evidence it by issuing and selling, at par plus accrued interest not exceeding six percent a year, coupon warrants of the district in such form as the board of library trustees shall determine. Such warrants may be issued in advance of the tax levy. Such warrants, signed by the chairman and the secretary of the board of library trustees, shall be payable at

such times as the board of library trustees shall provide not longer than six years from the date thereof.

The warrants shall be payable to bearer, shall have interest coupons attached providing for the payment of interest semiannually on the first day of January and of July, and the issuance thereof shall be recorded in the office of the county treasurer in a book kept for that purpose. All district warrants of every kind shall outlaw and become void after six years from their maturity date but only if there is money in the proper fund available for their payment within such period.

A rural county library district shall be a public corporation with such powers as are necessary to carry out its functions and for taxation purposes shall have the power vested in municipal corporations for such purposes.

District is public corporation.

SEC. 7. (RCW 27.12.070) At no time shall the total indebtedness of the district exceed an amount that could be raised by a two mill levy on the then existing valuation of the property of the district, except as provided in section 1 of this act or RCW 84.52.052 or 84.52.056. The county treasurer of the county in which any rural county library district is created shall receive and disburse all district revenues and collect all taxes levied under this chapter.

Limitation of indebtedness.

Collection and disbursement of district funds.

SEC. 8. Section 7, chapter 75, Laws of 1947 and RCW 27.12.150 are each amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

Funds for the establishment and maintenance of the library service of the district shall be provided by the boards of county commissioners of the respective counties by means of an annual tax levy on the property in the district of not more than two mills a year. The tax levy in the several counties shall be at a uniform rate and shall be based on a budget to be compiled by the board of trustees of the intercounty rural library district who shall determine the uniform tax rate necessary and certify their determina-

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tion to the respective boards of county commissioners.

Excess levies.

Excess levies authorized pursuant to section 1 of this act and RCW 84.52.052 or 84.52.056 shall be at a uniform rate which uniform rate shall be determined by the board of trustees of the intercounty rural library district and certified to the respective boards of county commissioners.

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Passed the Senate February 23, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 2, 1955.

CHAPTER 60.

[H. B. 24.]

IRRIGATION DISTRICTS—POSTING AND PUBLISHING
DELINQUENCY LISTS.

AN ACT relating to the posting or publishing of irrigation assessment delinquency lists and to notices in connection therewith and amending section 6, chapter 43, Laws of 1933 and RCW 87.32.140.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 6, chapter 43, Laws of 1933 and RCW 87.32.140 are each amended to read as follows:

Delinquency list to be posted or published.

On or before the thirty-first day of December of each year, the treasurer of each county shall post or publish the delinquency list, which shall contain the names of persons to whom the property is assessed and a description of the property delinquent and the amount of the assessment and costs due, opposite each name and description.

Posting of notice.

If he posts the delinquency list, he shall append to and post with the list a notice, at least twenty days before the sale, that unless the assessments together with costs and accrued interest are paid, the prop-