

classification B shall consist of all employees of counties; classification C shall consist of all retired members; and classification D shall consist of all members not included in classification A((~~+~~)), B, or C. Each member shall have the right to vote only for an employee representative from his respective classification.

The initial term of the representative from classification C shall begin July 1, 1974.

Any active or retired member desiring to become a candidate to represent active or retired members in his classification may during the first two weeks of April of the year in which the vacancy in the classification occurs, file with the director of the system a typewritten statement that he desires to be a candidate for the board. The letter supporting his candidacy must be signed by at least twenty members of the retirement system in his classification. The election shall be conducted under the supervision of the retirement board pursuant to such rules as the board shall prescribe, but shall be so conducted that the voting shall be secret and the ballots may be returned by mail. Ballots in order to be counted shall be received by the director not later than the second Monday in June. The board shall thereupon proceed to count the ballots and shall certify to the secretary of state the candidate receiving the highest number of votes.

The terms of all elected representatives shall commence on the first day of July following their election.

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## CHAPTER 35

[Substitute House Bill No. 839]

### HISTORICAL SITES CONTROLLED BY PUBLIC CORPORATIONS—PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

AN ACT Relating to state government; amending section 7, chapter 37, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 35.21.755; prescribing an expiration date; prescribing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 7, chapter 37, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 35.21.755 are each amended to read as follows:

A public corporation, commission, or authority created pursuant to RCW 35.21.730 or 35.21.660 shall receive the same immunity or exemption from taxation as that of the city, town, or county creating the same: **PROVIDED**, That, except for any property listed on, or which is within a district listed on any federal or state register of historical sites, any such public corporation, commission, or authority shall pay to the county treasurer an annual excise tax equal to the amounts which would be paid upon real property and personal property devoted to the purposes of such public corporation, commission, or authority were it in private ownership, and such real property and personal property is acquired and/or operated under RCW 35.21.725 through 35.21.755, and the proceeds of such excise tax shall be allocated by the county treasurer to the various taxing authorities in which such property is

situated, in the same manner as though the property were in private ownership: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the provisions of chapter 82.29A RCW, and RCW 84.36.451 and 84.40.175 shall not apply to property within a district listed on any federal or state register of historical sites and which is controlled by a public corporation, commission, or authority created pursuant to RCW 35.21.730 or 35.21-.660, which was in existence prior to January 1, 1976, and the exemption set forth in this proviso shall be allowed in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Percentage Exemption of Tax Otherwise Due</u>
<u>1977 to 1981</u>	<u>100 percent</u>
<u>1982 to 1985</u>	<u>66 2/3 percent</u>
<u>1986 to 1989</u>	<u>33 1/3 percent</u>

and shall expire on December 31, 1989.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. 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 July 1, 1977.

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CHAPTER 36

[House Bill No. 878]

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS—CLASSIFICATION AND RECLASSIFICATION

AN ACT Relating to public utility districts; amending section 2, chapter 265, Laws of 1959 and RCW 54.40.010; amending section 3, chapter 265, Laws of 1959 and RCW 54.40.020; amending section 4, chapter 265, Laws of 1959 and RCW 54.40.030; amending section 5, chapter 265, Laws of 1959 and RCW 54.40.040; amending section 6, chapter 265, Laws of 1959 and RCW 54.40.050; amending section 7, chapter 265, Laws of 1959 and RCW 54.40.060; amending section 8, chapter 265, Laws of 1959 and RCW 54.40.070; and amending section 4, chapter 1, Laws of 1931 as last amended by section 2, chapter 53, Laws of 1977 and RCW 54.12.010.

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

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 265, Laws of 1959 and RCW 54.40.010 are each amended to read as follows:

A five commissioner public utility district (~~((of the first class))~~) is a district which shall have a license from the federal power commission to construct a hydroelectric project of an estimated cost of more than (~~((three hundred and twenty-five))~~) two hundred and fifty million dollars, including interest during construction, and which shall have received the approval of the voters of the district to become a (~~((first class))~~) five commissioner district as provided herein. All other public utility districts shall be known as three commissioner districts.

Sec. 2. Section 3, chapter 265, Laws of 1959 and RCW 54.40.020 are each amended to read as follows: