

preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 189.

[S. B. 117.]

PROPERTY TAXES—EXCESS LEVIES.

AN ACT relating to the authorization of excess property tax levies by certain taxing districts; amending section 84.52-.052, RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 84.52.052, RCW, as derived from section 3, chapter 23, Laws of 1951, Second Extraordinary Session, is amended to read as follows:

Excess levy; general obligation bonds outstanding Dec. 6, 1934.

The limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 to 84.52.056, inclusive, 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 on 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 dis-

Warrants outstanding Dec. 6, 1932.

tract, sewer district, water district, public hospital district, rural county library district, intercounty rural library district, fire protection district, city, or town may levy taxes at a rate in excess of the rate specified in RCW 84.52.050 to 84.52.056, inclusive, when authorized so to do by the electors of such county, school district, metropolitan park district, sewer district, water district, public hospital district, rural county library district, intercounty rural library district, fire protection 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, sewer district, water district, public hospital district, rural county library district, intercounty rural library district, fire protection 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 persons voting on an excess levy for current operating purposes at any such special election of any school district prior to November 3, 1954, must constitute not less than forty percent of the voters in said taxing

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district who voted at the last preceding general election in such district.

Emergency.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 190.

[S. B. 119.]

SECOND CLASS CITIES—POWERS—PARK PROPERTIES.

AN ACT relating to second class cities; increasing the powers of such cities with respect to park property; and amending section 35.23.010, RCW.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 35.23.010, RCW, as derived from section 1, chapter 241, Laws of 1907, is amended to read as follows:

Rights, powers and privileges.

Every city of the second class shall be entitled "City of....." (naming it), and by such name shall have perpetual succession; may sue and be sued in all courts and in all proceedings; shall have and use a common seal which it may alter at pleasure; may acquire, hold, lease, use and enjoy property of every kind and control and dispose of it for the common benefit; and, upon making a finding that any property acquired for park purposes is not useful for such purposes and that an exchange thereof for other property to be dedicated for park purposes is in the public interest, may, with the consent of the dedicator or donor, his heirs, successors or assigns, exchange such property for other property to be dedicated for park purposes and make, execute and

Exchange of park property.