- (3) "Credit union" shall mean a corporation organized under chapter 31.12 RCW or chartered to do business as a credit union by the administrator of the national credit union administration or the successor or successors of him.
- (4) "Funds" shall mean deposits and shares of the central credit union members.
- (5) For the purpose of establishing required reserves all assets except the following are "risk assets":
 - (a) Cash on hand;
- (b) Deposits and shares in banks, trust companies, savings and loan associations, mutual savings banks or credit unions;
- (c) Assets which are insured or guaranteed by, or due from, the federal government or any agency or instrumentalities thereof.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Sections 1 through 5 of this act are added to Title 31 RCW as a new chapter thereof.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 7. If any provision of this 1977 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.

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CHAPTER 208

[House Bill No. 627]
IRRIGATION DISTRICT, SEWER DISTRICT MERGERS

AN ACT Relating to special districts; amending section 10, chapter 94, Laws of 1957 and RCW 87-.03.720; amending section 11, chapter 94, Laws of 1957 and RCW 87.03.725; and adding a new section to Title 56 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 10, chapter 94, Laws of 1957 and RCW 87.03.720 are each amended to read as follows:

The board of directors of an irrigation district shall, after being notified by the ((board or boards of county commissioners)) legislative authority of the county or counties within which the irrigation district lies of the filing of the petition therefor, have the power to assent to the proposed merger with the irrigation district of that portion of a drainage improvement district, joint drainage improvement district, ((or)) consolidated drainage improvement district, or sewer district within its boundaries at a hearing duly called by the board to consider the proposed merger if sufficient objections thereto have not been presented, as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. Section 11, chapter 94, Laws of 1957 and RCW 87.03.725 are each amended to read as follows:

The secretary of the board of directors shall cause a notice of the proposed merger to be posted and published in the same manner and for the same time as notice of a special election for the issue of bonds. The notice shall state that a petition has been filed with the ((board or boards of county commissioners)) legislative authority of the county or counties within which the irrigation districts lies by the board of supervisors of the drainage improvement district, joint drainage improvement district, or consolidated drainage improvement district or by the board of commissioners of a sewer district requesting that the drainage improvement district, joint drainage improvement district, joint drainage improvement district, or sewer district be merged with the irrigation district or irrigation districts, the names of the petitioners and the prayer thereof, and it shall notify all persons interested in the irrigation district to appear at the office of the board at the time named in the notice, and show cause in writing why the proposed merger should not take place. The time to show cause shall be the regular meeting of the board of directors of the irrigation district next after the expiration of the time for the publication of the notice.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. There is added to Title 56 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The procedure and provisions of RCW 85.08.830 through 85.08.890, which are applicable to drainage improvement districts, joint drainage improvement districts, or consolidated drainage improvement districts which desire to merge into an irrigation district, shall also apply to sewer districts organized, or reorganized, under this title which desire to merge into irrigation districts.

The authority granted by this section shall be cumulative and in addition to any other power or authority granted by law to any sewer district.

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CHAPTER 209 [Substitute House Bill No. 741] PROPERTY TAXES—EXEMPTIONS

AN ACT Relating to revenue and taxation; amending section 8, chapter 40, Laws of 1973 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.810; amending section 11, chapter 40, Laws of 1973 2nd ex. sess. as last amended by section 2, chapter 127, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 84.36.825; and adding a new section to chapter 84.36 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 8, chapter 40, Laws of 1973 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 84.36-.810 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) Upon cessation of a use under which an exemption has been granted pursuant to RCW 84.36.030, 84.36.040, ((84.36.050)) and 84.36.060, the county treasurer shall collect all taxes which would have been paid had the property not been exempt during the seven years preceding, or the life of such exemption, if such be less, together with the interest at the same rate and computed in the same way as that upon delinquent property taxes((: PROVIDED, That)).
- (2) Upon cessation of a use under which an exemption has been granted pursuant to RCW 84.36.050 to a school or college, the county treasurer shall collect