

the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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## CHAPTER 218

[House Bill No. 320]

### PROPERTY TAX LEVIES—LIMITATION

AN ACT Relating to revenue and taxation; amending section 1, chapter 133, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as last amended by section 106, chapter 195, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.52.065; amending section 20, chapter 288, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 67, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.55.010; amending section 24, chapter 288, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as amended by section 109, chapter 195, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.55.050; adding a new section to chapter 43.09 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 84.55 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 133, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as last amended by section 106, chapter 195, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.52.065 are each amended to read as follows:

Subject to the limitations in RCW 84.55.010, in each year the state shall levy for collection in the following year for the support of common schools of the state a tax of three dollars and sixty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value upon the assessed valuation of all taxable property within the state adjusted to the state equalized value in accordance with the indicated ratio fixed by the state department of revenue.

Sec. 2. Section 20, chapter 288, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as amended by section 1, chapter 67, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.55.010 are each amended to read as follows:

Except as provided in ((~~RCW 84.55.020 through 84.55.050~~)) this chapter, the levy ((~~in 1973 and years subsequent thereto~~)) for a taxing district ((~~other than the state or a school district~~)) in any year shall be set so that the regular property taxes payable in the following year shall not exceed one hundred six percent of the amount of regular property taxes lawfully levied for such district in the highest of the three most recent years in which such taxes were levied for such district plus an additional dollar amount calculated by multiplying the increase in assessed value in that district resulting from new construction ((~~and~~)), improvements to property, and any increase in the assessed value of state-assessed property by the regular property tax levy rate of that district for the preceding year.

Sec. 3. Section 24, chapter 288, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. as amended by section 109, chapter 195, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 84.55.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate limitations, regular property taxes may be levied by or for a taxing district in an amount exceeding the limitations provided for in (~~RCW 84.55.010 through 84.55.040~~) this chapter if such levy is authorized by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters of the taxing district voting on the proposition at a general election held within the district or at a special election within the taxing district called by the district for the purpose of submitting such proposition to the voters. Any election held pursuant to this section shall be held not more than twelve months prior to the date on which the proposed levy is to be made. The ballot of the proposition shall state the dollar rate proposed.

After a levy authorized pursuant to this section is made, the dollar amount of such levy shall be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for subsequent levies provided for in this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 84.55 RCW a new section to read as follows:

If a taxing district has not levied in the three most recent years and elects to restore a regular property tax levy subject to applicable statutory limitations then such first restored levy shall be set so that the regular property tax payable shall not exceed the amount which could have been lawfully levied in 1973, plus an additional dollar amount calculated by multiplying the increase in assessed value in the district since 1973 resulting from new construction and improvements to property by the property tax rate which is proposed to be restored, or the maximum amount which could be lawfully levied in the year such a restored levy is proposed.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. There is added to chapter 84.55 RCW a new section to read as follows:

RCW 84.55.010 shall not apply to the first levy by or for a newly-formed taxing district created other than by consolidation or annexation.

This section shall be retroactive in effect and shall be deemed to validate any levy within its scope, even though the levy has been made prior to the effective date of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. There is added to chapter 84.55 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The department of revenue shall adopt rules relating to the calculation of tax rates and the limitation in RCW 84.55.010, conduct an educational program on this subject, and take any other action necessary to insure compliance with the statutes and rules on this subject.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. There is added to chapter 43.09 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The state auditor, through the division of municipal corporations, shall review the tax levies of all municipal corporations in the regular examinations under RCW 43.09.260.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. This 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: PROVIDED, That the amendment to RCW 84.55.010 by section 2 of this act shall be effective for 1979 levies for taxes collected in 1980, and for subsequent years.

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## CHAPTER 219

[Second Substitute House Bill No. 418]

### VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT ACT—VICTIMS OF CRIMES, ASSISTANCE, COMPENSATION

AN ACT Relating to victims of crime; amending section 9, chapter 302, Laws of 1977 ex. sess. and RCW 7.68.065; adding new sections to chapter 7.68 RCW; and adding a new chapter to Title 70 RCW].

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. This chapter may be known and cited as the Victims of Sexual Assault Act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. (1) The legislature hereby finds and declares that:

(a) Sexual assault has become one of the most rapidly increasing violent crimes over the last decade;

(b) There is a lack of essential information and data concerning sexual assault;

(c) There is a lack of adequate training for law enforcement officers concerning sexual assault, the victim, the offender, and the investigation;

(d) There is a lack of community awareness and knowledge concerning sexual assault and the physical and psychological impact upon the victim;

(e) There is a lack of public information concerning sexual assault prevention and personal self-protection;

(f) Because of the lack of information, training, and services, the victims of sexual assault are not receiving the assistance they require in dealing with the physical and psychological trauma of a sexual assault;

(g) The criminal justice system and health care system should maintain close contact and cooperation with each other and with community rape crisis centers to expedite the disposition of sexual assault cases; and