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By House Committee on Capital Budget (originally sponsored by Representatives Hymes, Wolfe, Honeyford and Reams)

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1 AN ACT Relating to library capital facility areas; and amending RCW
2 27.15.020 and 27.15.050.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.15.020 and 1995 c 368 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Upon receipt of a completed written request to both establish a
7 library capital ((~~facilities~~)) facility area and submit a ballot
8 proposition under RCW 27.15.050 to finance library capital facilities,
9 that is signed by a majority of the members of the board of trustees of
10 a library district or board of trustees of a city or town library, the
11 county legislative authority or county legislative authorities for the
12 county or counties in which a proposed library capital facility area is
13 to be established shall submit separate ballot propositions to voters
14 to authorize establishing the proposed library capital ((~~facilities~~))
15 facility area and authorizing the library capital ((~~facilities~~))
16 facility area, if established, to finance library capital facilities by
17 issuing general indebtedness and imposing excess levies to retire the
18 indebtedness. The ballot propositions ((~~may only~~)) shall be submitted
19 to voters at a general or special election. If the proposed election

1 date is not a general election, library boards are encouraged to
2 request an election when any other unit of local government with
3 territory located in the proposed library capital facility area is
4 already holding a special election under RCW 29.13.020. Approval of
5 the ballot proposition to create a library capital ((~~facilities~~))
6 facility area shall be by a simple majority vote.

7 A completed request submitted under this section shall include:
8 (1) A description of the boundaries of the library capital facility
9 area; and (2) a copy of the resolution of the legislative authority of
10 each city or town, and board of trustees of each library district, with
11 territory included within the proposed library capital ((~~facilities~~))
12 facility area indicating both: (a) Its approval of the creation of the
13 proposed library capital ((~~facilities~~)) facility area; and (b)
14 agreement on how election costs will be paid for submitting ballot
15 propositions to voters that authorize the library capital
16 ((~~facilities~~)) facility area to incur general indebtedness and impose
17 excess levies to retire the general indebtedness.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.15.050 and 1995 c 368 s 6 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 (1) A library capital facility area may contract indebtedness or
21 borrow money to finance library capital facilities and may issue
22 general obligation bonds for such purpose not exceeding an amount,
23 together with any existing indebtedness of the library capital facility
24 area, equal to one and one-quarter percent of the value of the taxable
25 property in the district and impose excess property tax levies to
26 retire the general indebtedness as provided in RCW 39.36.050 if a
27 ballot proposition authorizing both the indebtedness and excess levies
28 is approved by at least three-fifths of the voters of the library
29 capital facility area voting on the proposition, and the total number
30 of voters voting on the proposition constitutes not less than forty
31 percent of the total number of voters in the library capital facility
32 area voting at the last preceding general election. The term "value of
33 the taxable property" has the meaning set forth in RCW 39.36.015. Such
34 a proposition ((~~may only~~)) shall be submitted to voters at a general or
35 special election and may be submitted to voters at the same election as
36 the election when the ballot proposition authorizing the establishing
37 of the library capital ((~~facilities district~~)) facility area is
38 submitted. If the proposed election date is not a general election,

1 library boards are encouraged to request an election when any other
2 unit of local government with territory located in the proposed library
3 capital facility area is already holding a special election under RCW
4 29.13.020.

5 (2) A library capital facility area may accept gifts or grants of
6 money or property of any kind for the same purposes for which it is
7 authorized to borrow money in subsection (1) of this section.

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