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5 On page 5, after line 24, insert the following:

6 "Sec. 5. RCW 84.52.069 and 1991 c 175 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) As used in this section, "taxing district" means a county,
9 emergency medical service district, city or town, public hospital
10 district, or fire protection district.

11 (2) A taxing district may impose additional regular property tax
12 levies in an amount equal to fifty cents or less per thousand dollars
13 of the assessed value of property in the taxing district in each year
14 for six consecutive years when specifically authorized so to do by a
15 majority of at least three-fifths of the registered voters thereof
16 approving a proposition authorizing the levies submitted at a general
17 or special election, at which election the number of persons voting
18 "yes" on the proposition shall constitute three-fifths of a number
19 equal to forty per centum of the total votes cast in such taxing
20 district at the last preceding general election when the number of
21 registered voters voting on the proposition does not exceed forty per
22 centum of the total votes cast in such taxing district in the last
23 preceding general election; or by a majority of at least three-fifths
24 of the registered voters thereof voting on the proposition when the
25 number of registered voters voting on the proposition exceeds forty per
26 centum of the total votes cast in such taxing district in the last
27 preceding general election. Ballot propositions shall conform with RCW
28 29.30.111.

29 (3) Any tax imposed under this section shall be used only for the
30 provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services,
31 including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and
32 related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the
33 provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services.

34 (4) If a county levies a tax under this section, no taxing district
35 within the county may levy a tax under this section. No other taxing
36 district may levy a tax under this section if another taxing district

1 has levied a tax under this section within its boundaries: PROVIDED,
2 That if a county levies less than fifty cents per thousand dollars of
3 the assessed value of property, then any other taxing district may levy
4 a tax under this section equal to the difference between the rate of
5 the levy by the county and fifty cents: PROVIDED FURTHER, That if a
6 taxing district within a county levies this tax, and the voters of the
7 county subsequently approve a levying of this tax, then the amount of
8 the taxing district levy within the county shall be reduced, when the
9 combined levies exceed fifty cents. Whenever a tax is levied county-
10 wide, the service shall, insofar as is feasible, be provided throughout
11 the county: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no county-wide levy proposal may be
12 placed on the ballot without the approval of the legislative authority
13 of each city exceeding fifty thousand population within the county:
14 AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That this section and RCW 36.32.480 shall not
15 prohibit any city or town from levying an annual excess levy to fund
16 emergency medical services: AND PROVIDED, FURTHER, That if a county
17 proposes to impose tax levies under this section, no other ballot
18 proposition authorizing tax levies under this section by another taxing
19 district in the county may be placed before the voters at the same
20 election at which the county ballot proposition is placed: AND
21 PROVIDED FURTHER, That any taxing district emergency medical service
22 levy that is authorized subsequent to a county emergency medical
23 service levy, shall expire concurrently with the county emergency
24 medical service levy.

25 (5) The tax levy authorized in this section is in addition to the
26 tax levy authorized in RCW 84.52.043.

27 (6) The limitation in RCW 84.55.010 shall not apply to the first
28 levy imposed pursuant to this section following the approval of such
29 levy by the voters pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

30 ~~((7) No taxing district may levy under this section more than
31 twenty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of property if
32 reductions under RCW 84.52.010(2) are made for the year within the
33 boundaries of the taxing district.))"~~

34 EFFECT: Technical amendment removing conflicting language.

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