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1            AN ACT Relating to port districts; and amending RCW 53.36.020 and  
2 53.36.100.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 53.36.020 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 195 s 56 are each  
5 amended to read as follows:

6            (1) A port district with a population of less than one million may  
7 raise revenue by levy of an annual tax not to exceed forty-five cents  
8 per thousand dollars of assessed value against the assessed valuation  
9 of the taxable property in such port district for general port  
10 purposes, including the establishment of a capital improvement fund for  
11 future capital improvements, except that any levy for the payment of  
12 the principal and interest of the general bonded indebtedness of the  
13 port district shall be in excess of any levy made by the port district  
14 under the forty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value  
15 limitation. The levy shall be made and taxes collected in the manner  
16 provided for the levy and collection of taxes in school districts of  
17 the first class.

18            (2) A port district with a population of one million or more may  
19 impose property tax levies under this section only if a ballot

1 proposition authorizing the imposition of such levies for either one,  
2 two, or three years has been approved by a simple majority vote of the  
3 port district voters voting on the proposition. However, a port  
4 district with a population of one million or more may continue imposing  
5 property tax levies under this section without obtaining voter  
6 approval, but only to the extent necessary to avoid the impairment of  
7 the obligation to make redemption payments on general obligation bonds  
8 issued prior to the effective date of this act.

9       **Sec. 2.** RCW 53.36.100 and 1982 1st ex.s. c 3 s 1 are each amended  
10 to read as follows:

11       A port district having adopted a comprehensive scheme of harbor  
12 improvements and industrial developments may thereafter raise revenue,  
13 for twelve years only, in addition to all other revenues now authorized  
14 by law, by an annual levy not to exceed forty-five cents per thousand  
15 dollars of assessed value against the assessed valuation of the taxable  
16 property in such port district. Said levy shall be used exclusively  
17 for the exercise of the powers granted to port districts under chapter  
18 53.25 RCW except as provided in RCW 53.36.110. The levy of such taxes  
19 is herein authorized notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 84.52.050  
20 and 84.52.043. The revenues derived from levies made under RCW  
21 53.36.100 and 53.36.110 not expended in the year in which the levies  
22 are made may be paid into a fund for future use in carrying out the  
23 powers granted under chapter 53.25 RCW, which fund may be accumulated  
24 and carried over from year to year, with the right to continue to levy  
25 the taxes provided for in RCW 53.36.100 and 53.36.110 for the purposes  
26 herein authorized.

27       If a port district with a population of less than one million  
28 intends to levy a tax under this section for one or more years after  
29 the first six years authorized in this section, the port commission  
30 shall publish notice of this intention, in one or more newspapers of  
31 general circulation within the district, by June 1 of the year in which  
32 the first levy of the seventh through twelfth year period is to be  
33 made. If within ninety days of the date of publication a petition is  
34 filed with the county auditor containing the signatures of eight  
35 percent of the number of voters registered and voting in the port  
36 district for the office of the governor at the last preceding  
37 gubernatorial election, the county auditor shall canvass the signatures  
38 in the same manner as prescribed in RCW 29.79.200 and certify their

1 sufficiency to the port commission within two weeks. The proposition  
2 to make these levies in the seventh through twelfth year period shall  
3 be submitted to the voters of the port district at a special election,  
4 called for this purpose, no later than the date on which a primary  
5 election would be held under RCW 29.13.070. The levies may be made in  
6 the seventh through twelfth year period only if approved by a majority  
7 of the voters of the port district voting on the proposition.

8 A port district with a population of one million or more may impose  
9 a tax levy under this section only if a ballot proposition authorizing  
10 the imposition of such a levy is approved by a simple majority vote of  
11 the voters of the port district voting on the proposition. The ballot  
12 proposition may authorize such a port district to impose a tax levy for  
13 either one, two, or three years, out of the maximum number of twelve  
14 years. A port district with a population of one million or more that  
15 imposed a tax levy under this section for collection in 1993 and that  
16 has imposed a levy under this section for less than twelve years may  
17 continue imposing tax levies under this section for the remainder of  
18 the twelve-year period, but only to the extent necessary to avoid the  
19 impairment of the obligation to make redemption payments on general  
20 obligation bonds issued before the effective date of this act.

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