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1 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3 THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state there  
4 shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state for their  
5 approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to Article VII,  
6 section 2 of the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as  
7 follows:

8 Article VII, section 2. Except as hereinafter provided and  
9 notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the aggregate  
10 of all tax levies upon real and personal property by the state and all  
11 taxing districts now existing or hereafter created, shall not in any  
12 year exceed one (~~per centum~~) percent of the true and fair value of  
13 such property in money: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein shall  
14 prevent levies at the rates now provided by law by or for any port or  
15 public utility district: *Provided further, however,* That nothing  
16 herein shall prevent levies not exceeding an amount equal to one dollar  
17 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation by or for any fire  
18 protection district. The term "taxing district" for the purposes of  
19 this section shall mean any political subdivision, municipal  
20 corporation, district, or other governmental agency authorized by law

1 to levy, or have levied for it, ad valorem taxes on property, other  
2 than a port or public utility district. Such aggregate limitation or  
3 any specific limitation imposed by law in conformity therewith may be  
4 exceeded only

5 (a) By any taxing district when specifically authorized so to do by  
6 a majority of at least three-fifths of the (~~electors~~) voters thereof  
7 voting on the proposition to levy such additional tax submitted not  
8 more than twelve months prior to the date on which the proposed levy is  
9 to be made and not oftener than twice in such twelve month period,  
10 either at a special election or at the regular election of such taxing  
11 district, at which election the number of (~~persons~~) voters voting  
12 "yes" on the proposition shall constitute three-fifths of a number  
13 equal to forty (~~per centum~~) percent of the total (~~votes cast~~)  
14 number of voters voting in such taxing district at the last preceding  
15 general election when the number of (~~electors~~) voters voting on the  
16 proposition does not exceed forty (~~per centum~~) percent of the total  
17 (~~votes cast~~) number of voters voting in such taxing district in the  
18 last preceding general election; or by a majority of at least  
19 three-fifths of the (~~electors~~) voters thereof voting on the  
20 proposition to levy when the number of (~~electors~~) voters voting on  
21 the proposition exceeds forty (~~per centum~~) percent of the total  
22 (~~votes cast~~) number of voters voting in such taxing district in the  
23 last preceding general election: *Provided*, That notwithstanding any  
24 other provision of this Constitution, any proposition pursuant to this  
25 subsection to levy additional tax for the support of the common schools  
26 may provide such support for a two year period and any proposition to  
27 levy an additional tax to support the construction, modernization, or  
28 remodelling of school facilities may provide such support for a period  
29 not exceeding six years;

30 (b) By any taxing district otherwise authorized by law to issue  
31 general obligation bonds for capital purposes, for the sole purpose of  
32 making the required payments of principal and interest on general  
33 obligation bonds issued solely for capital purposes, other than the  
34 replacement of equipment, when authorized so to do by majority of at  
35 least three-fifths of the (~~electors~~) voters thereof voting on the  
36 proposition to issue such bonds and to pay the principal and interest  
37 thereon by an annual tax levy in excess of the limitation herein  
38 provided during the term of such bonds, submitted not oftener than  
39 twice in any calendar year, at an election held in the manner provided

1 by law for bond elections in such taxing district, at which election  
2 the total number of (~~persons~~) voters voting on the proposition shall  
3 constitute not less than forty (~~per-centum~~) percent of the total  
4 number of (~~votes-cast~~) voters voting in such taxing district at the  
5 last preceding general election: *Provided*, That any such taxing  
6 district shall have the right by vote of its governing body to refund  
7 any general obligation bonds of said district issued for capital  
8 purposes only, and to provide for the interest thereon and amortization  
9 thereof by annual levies in excess of the tax limitation provided for  
10 herein, *And provided further*, That the provisions of this section shall  
11 also be subject to the limitations contained in Article VIII, Section  
12 6, of this Constitution;

13 (c) By the state or any taxing district for the purpose of paying  
14 the principal or interest on general obligation bonds outstanding on  
15 December 6, 1934; or for the purpose of preventing the impairment of  
16 the obligation of a contract when ordered so to do by a court of last  
17 resort.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause  
19 notice of the foregoing constitutional amendment to be published at  
20 least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in  
21 every legal newspaper in the state.

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