
SENATE BILL 5458

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1 AN ACT Relating to authorizing school levies for periods not
2 exceeding four years; amending RCW 84.52.053; and providing a
3 contingent effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.52.053 and 1994 c 116 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 through 84.52.056, and
8 84.52.043 shall not prevent the levy of taxes by school districts, when
9 authorized so to do by the voters of such school district in the manner
10 and for the purposes and number of years allowable under Article VII,
11 section 2(a) of the Constitution of this state. Elections for such
12 taxes shall be held in the year in which the levy is made or, in the
13 case of propositions authorizing two-year through four-year levies for
14 maintenance and operation support of a school district, authorizing
15 two-year levies for transportation vehicle funds established in RCW
16 28A.160.130, or authorizing two-year through six-year levies to support
17 the construction, modernization, or remodeling of school facilities, in
18 the year in which the first annual levy is made: PROVIDED, That once
19 additional tax levies have been authorized for maintenance and

1 operation support of a school district for a two-year through four-year
2 period, no further additional tax levies for maintenance and operation
3 support of the district for that period may be authorized.

4 A special election may be called and the time therefor fixed by the
5 board of school directors, by giving notice thereof by publication in
6 the manner provided by law for giving notices of general elections, at
7 which special election the proposition authorizing such excess levy
8 shall be submitted in such form as to enable the voters favoring the
9 proposition to vote "yes" and those opposed thereto to vote "no".

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect if the proposed
11 amendment to Article VII, section 2 of the state Constitution
12 authorizing school levies for periods not exceeding four years is
13 validly submitted to and is approved and ratified by the voters at the
14 next general election. If the proposed amendment is not approved and
15 ratified, this act is void in its entirety.

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