

2 HB 1192 - S AMD TO CTHF COMM AMD (S-2570.1/99) - 422
3 By Senator Sellar

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5 On page 3, after line 39 of the amendment, insert the following:

6 "Sec. 2. RCW 39.36.020 and 1994 c 277 s 1 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided by law or in subsections
9 (2), (3) and (4) of this section, no taxing district shall for any
10 purpose become indebted in any manner to an amount exceeding
11 three-eighths of one percent of the value of the taxable property in
12 such taxing district without the assent of three-fifths of the voters
13 therein voting at an election to be held for that purpose, nor in cases
14 requiring such assent shall the total indebtedness incurred at any time
15 exceed one and one-fourth percent on the value of the taxable property
16 therein.

17 (2)(a)(i) Public hospital districts are limited to an indebtedness
18 amount not exceeding three-fourths of one percent of the value of the
19 taxable property in such public hospital districts without the assent
20 of three-fifths of the voters therein voting at an election held for
21 that purpose.

22 (ii) Counties, cities, and towns are limited to an indebtedness
23 amount not exceeding one and one-half percent of the value of the
24 taxable property in such counties, cities, or towns without the assent
25 of three-fifths of the voters therein voting at an election held for
26 that purpose.

27 (b) In cases requiring such assent counties, cities, towns, and
28 public hospital districts are limited to a total indebtedness of two
29 and one-half percent of the value of the taxable property therein.
30 However, any county that has assumed the rights, powers, functions, and
31 obligations of a metropolitan municipal corporation under chapter 36.56
32 RCW may become indebted to a larger amount for its authorized
33 metropolitan functions, as provided under chapter 35.58 RCW, but not
34 exceeding an additional three-fourths of one percent of the value of
35 the taxable property in the county without the assent of three-fifths
36 of the voters therein voting at an election held for that purpose, and

1 in cases requiring such assent not exceeding an additional two and one-
2 half percent of the value of the taxable property in the county.

3 (3) School districts are limited to an indebtedness amount not
4 exceeding three-eighths of one percent of the value of the taxable
5 property in such district without the assent of three-fifths of the
6 voters therein voting at an election held for that purpose. In cases
7 requiring such assent school districts are limited to a total
8 indebtedness of two and one-half percent of the value of the taxable
9 property therein.

10 (4) No part of the indebtedness allowed in this chapter shall be
11 incurred for any purpose other than strictly county, city, town, school
12 district, township, port district, metropolitan park district, or other
13 municipal purposes: PROVIDED, That a city or town, with such assent,
14 may become indebted to a larger amount, but not exceeding two and one-
15 half percent additional, determined as herein provided, for supplying
16 such city or town with water, artificial light, and sewers, when the
17 works for supplying such water, light, and sewers shall be owned and
18 controlled by the city or town; and a city or town, with such assent,
19 may become indebted to a larger amount, but not exceeding two and one-
20 half percent additional for acquiring or developing open space ((and)),
21 park facilities, and capital facilities associated with economic
22 development: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any school district may become
23 indebted to a larger amount but not exceeding two and one-half percent
24 additional for capital outlays.

25 (5) Such indebtedness may be authorized in any total amount in one
26 or more propositions and the amount of such authorization may exceed
27 the amount of indebtedness which could then lawfully be incurred. Such
28 indebtedness may be incurred in one or more series of bonds from time
29 to time out of such authorization but at no time shall the total
30 general indebtedness of any taxing district exceed the above
31 limitation.

32 The term "value of the taxable property" as used in this section
33 shall have the meaning set forth in RCW 39.36.015.

34 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 39.36 RCW
35 to read as follows:

36 A city or town seeking voter approval to increase its total
37 indebtedness above two and one-half percent of the value of the taxable
38 property therein for purposes of acquiring or developing capital

1 facilities associated with economic development as provided in RCW
2 39.36.020 shall notify the Washington economic development finance
3 authority created under RCW 43.163.020 at least thirty days prior to
4 the election held for the purpose of obtaining such assent."

5 Renumber the remaining section consecutively and correct internal
6 references accordingly.

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10 On page 4, line 9 of the title amendment, before "reenacting"
11 insert "amending RCW 39.36.020;"

12 On page 4, line 10 of the title amendment, after "43.163.010;"
13 insert "adding a new section to chapter 39.36 RCW;"

EFFECT: Allows a city or town, with the assent of three-fifths of the voters, to increase its total indebtedness above two and one-half percent, but not more than an additional two and one-half percent, for purposes of acquiring or developing capital facilities associated with economic development. Requires the city or town to notify the Washington Economic Development and Finance Authority at least thirty days prior to the election held for the purpose of obtaining such assent.

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