
Local Government & Housing Committee

HB 2496

Brief Description: Modifying fire protection district tax provisions.

Sponsors: Representatives Dunshee and Mulliken.

Brief Summary of Bill
· Authorizing fire protection district levies for periods not exceeding four years.

Hearing Date: 1/30/02

Staff: Amy Wood (786-7127).

Background:

The Washington State Constitution specifies that propositions to levy additional taxes for fire protection district operating purposes must be limited to a period of one year. Article VII, section 2 of the constitution requires the Legislature to affirm this taxing authority in statute.

Local fire protection districts submit levies for initial voter consideration at either a state primary or general election, or on other election dates as provided by law. Levies may only be for a single year. If the voters do not pass the levy request, the levy must be resubmitted.

Summary of Bill:

State laws are modified to increase the one year time period for authorizing a fire protection district operating levy. Propositions to levy additional taxes for fire district operating purposes may be for a period of up to four years.

The act takes effect if an accompanying constitutional amendment is approved at the next general election.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not Requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.