
HOUSE BILL 2496

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1 AN ACT Relating to fire protection district property taxes;
2 amending RCW 84.52.052; and adding a new section to chapter 84.52 RCW.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.52.052 and 1996 c 230 s 1615 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 through 84.52.056, and RCW
7 84.52.043 shall not prevent the levy of additional taxes by any taxing
8 district, except school districts and fire protection districts, in
9 which a larger levy is necessary in order to prevent the impairment of
10 the obligation of contracts. As used in this section, the term "taxing
11 district" means any county, metropolitan park district, park and
12 recreation service area, park and recreation district, water-sewer
13 district, solid waste disposal district, public facilities district,
14 flood control zone district, county rail district, service district,
15 public hospital district, road district, rural county library district,
16 island library district, rural partial-county library district,
17 intercounty rural library district, (~~fire protection district,~~)
18 cemetery district, city, town, transportation benefit district,
19 emergency medical service district with a population density of less

1 than one thousand per square mile, or cultural arts, stadium, and
2 convention district.

3 Any such taxing district may levy taxes at a rate in excess of the
4 rate specified in RCW 84.52.050 through 84.52.056 and 84.52.043, or
5 84.55.010 through 84.55.050, when authorized so to do by the voters of
6 such taxing district in the manner set forth in Article VII, section
7 2(a) of the Constitution of this state at a special or general election
8 to be held in the year in which the levy is made.

9 A special election may be called and the time therefor fixed by the
10 county legislative authority, or council, board of commissioners, or
11 other governing body of any such taxing district, by giving notice
12 thereof by publication in the manner provided by law for giving notices
13 of general elections, at which special election the proposition
14 authorizing such excess levy shall be submitted in such form as to
15 enable the voters favoring the proposition to vote "yes" and those
16 opposed thereto to vote "no."

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 84.52 RCW
18 to read as follows:

19 The limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 through 84.52.056, and
20 84.52.043 shall not prevent the levy of taxes by a fire protection
21 district, when authorized so to do by the voters of a fire protection
22 district in the manner and for the purposes and number of years
23 allowable under Article VII, section 2(a) of the Constitution of this
24 state. Elections for taxes shall be held in the year in which the levy
25 is made. Once additional tax levies have been authorized for
26 maintenance and operation support of a fire protection district for a
27 two-year through four-year period, no further additional tax levies for
28 maintenance and operation support of the district for that period may
29 be authorized.

30 A special election may be called and the time fixed by the fire
31 protection district commissioners, by giving notice by publication in
32 the manner provided by law for giving notices of general elections, at
33 which special election the proposition authorizing the excess levy
34 shall be submitted in a form as to enable the voters favoring the
35 proposition to vote "yes" and those opposed to vote "no."

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