HOUSE BILL 2650

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1   AN ACT Relating to voter approval of property tax levies exceeding
2 the district levy limit; and amending RCW 84.55.050.

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

4   **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.55.050 and 1989 c 287 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:
6   (1) Subject to any otherwise applicable statutory dollar rate
7 limitations, regular property taxes may be levied by or for a taxing
8 district in an amount exceeding the limitations provided for in this
9 chapter if such levy is authorized by a proposition approved by a
10 majority of the voters of the taxing district voting on the proposition
11 at a general election held within the district or at a special election
12 within the taxing district called by the district for the purpose of
13 submitting such proposition to the voters. Any election held pursuant
14 to this section shall be held not more than twelve months prior to the
15 date on which the proposed levy is to be made. The ballot of the
16 proposition shall state the dollar rate <u>or rates</u> proposed and shall
17 clearly state any conditions which are applicable under subsection (3)
18 of this section.

1   (2) After a levy authorized pursuant to this section is made, the
2 dollar amount of such levy shall be used for the purpose of computing
3 the limitations for subsequent levies provided for in this chapter,
4 except as provided in subsection (4) of this section.
5   (3) A proposition placed before the voters under this section may:
6   (a) Limit the period for which the increased levy is to be made;
7   (b) Limit the purpose for which the increased levy is to be made,
8 but if the limited purpose includes making redemption payments on
9 bonds, the period for which the increased levies are made shall not
10 exceed nine years;
11   (c) Set the levy at a rate less than the maximum rate allowed for
12 the district; ((or))
13   (d) Set the rates for the first two levies imposed after the
14 proposition is approved; or
15   (e) Include any combination of the conditions in this subsection.
16   (4) After the expiration of a limited period or the satisfaction of
17 a limited purpose, whichever comes first, subsequent levies shall be
18 computed as if:
19   (a) The limited proposition under subsection (3) of this section
20 had not been approved; and
21   (b) The taxing district had made levies at the maximum rates which
22 would otherwise have been allowed under this chapter during the years
23 levies were made under the limited proposition.

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