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1 AN ACT Relating to a county real estate excise tax to fund a
2 geographic information system; adding a new section to chapter 82.46
3 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) It is the legislature's intent to
6 provide funding for counties for planning, implementing, and
7 maintaining digital geographic information systems for use by counties
8 in administering the ad valorem property tax system of the state, and
9 for related purposes as authorized by this chapter.

10 (2) The legislature finds that the use of digital geographic
11 information systems provides an efficient means for counties to prepare
12 and possess parcel maps as described under RCW 84.40.160 for lands
13 within the counties of the state, and to continually update these maps
14 to reflect transfers, acquisitions, conveyances, and other events that
15 change the boundary of parcels.

16 (3) The legislature finds that digital geographic information
17 systems provide efficient and effective means to map and geographically
18 analyze data created and compiled in meeting the requirements of
19 Washington's planning enabling act and growth management act.

1 (4) The legislature finds that digital geographic information
2 systems provide capabilities to store and analyze information that
3 improves the health, welfare, and security of the citizens of the state
4 of Washington by providing accurate property information, parcel maps,
5 and addresses for emergency services response and other public safety
6 needs.

7 (5) The legislature finds that due to the numerous users of
8 property information, and the many entities that rely on the accuracy
9 and timeliness of the information provided by geographic information
10 systems, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the state to
11 provide a means for counties to fund these systems.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 82.46 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 (1) The legislative authority of any county may impose an
15 additional excise tax on each sale of real property in the county at a
16 rate not to exceed one-eighth of one percent of the selling price. The
17 proceeds of the tax shall be used exclusively for planning,
18 implementing, and maintaining geographic information systems for use in
19 administering the ad valorem property tax system of the state, and for
20 related purposes as authorized by this chapter.

21 (2) The taxes imposed under this subsection shall be imposed in the
22 same manner and on the same occurrences, and are subject to the same
23 conditions, as the taxes under chapter 82.45 RCW.

24 (3) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions
25 apply:

26 (a) "Geographic information system" means an orderly method of
27 capturing, storing, checking, integrating, manipulating, analyzing, and
28 displaying spatially referenced land information and land records.

29 (b) "Land records" means maps, documents, computer files, and any
30 other information storage medium in which land information is recorded.

31 (c) "Land information" means any physical, legal, economic, or
32 environmental information or characteristics concerning land, water,
33 ground water, subsurface resources, or air in this state. "Land
34 information" includes information relating to topography, soil, soil
35 erosion, geology, minerals, vegetation, land cover, wildlife,
36 associated natural resources, land ownership, land use, land use
37 controls and restrictions, judicial boundaries, tax assessment, land

1 value, land survey records and references, geodetic control networks,
2 aerial photographs, maps, planimetric data, remote sensing data,
3 historic and prehistoric data, and economic projections.

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