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SENATE BILL 5412

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By Senators Prentice, Fairley, Fraser, Pridemore, Shin, Weinstein and Haugen

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1 AN ACT Relating to statewide initiatives that impact local tax  
2 authority; and adding a new section to chapter 29A.72 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 29A.72 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Any provision within an initiative approved by the voters that  
7 amends, repeals, or otherwise modifies a local tax imposed by any  
8 county, city, town, or other municipal corporation shall take effect  
9 only if a majority of the voters voting on the initiative who live  
10 within the boundaries of the county, city, town, or municipal  
11 corporation approve the initiative.

12 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not invalidate other  
13 provisions of an initiative if the remaining provisions are severable.  
14 Provisions are severable if they are independent in purpose and express  
15 written construction.

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