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SENATE BILL 5355

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By Senator Haugen

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1 AN ACT Relating to initial levy rates for rural county library  
2 districts; and amending RCW 27.12.040 and 27.12.050.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 27.12.040 and 1990 c 259 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The procedure for the establishment of a rural county library  
7 district shall be as follows:

8 (1) Petitions signed by at least ten percent of the registered  
9 voters of the county who voted in the last general election, outside of  
10 the area of incorporated cities and towns, asking that the question,  
11 "Shall a rural county library district be established?" be submitted to  
12 a vote of the people, shall be filed with the county legislative  
13 authority. The maximum initial levy rate for the rural county library  
14 district may be included as part of the petition, not to exceed the  
15 limit as set forth in RCW 27.12.050.

16 (2) The county legislative authority, after having determined that  
17 the petitions were signed by the requisite number of registered voters,  
18 shall place the proposition for the establishment of a rural county

1 library district on the ballot for the vote of the people of the  
2 county, outside incorporated cities and towns, at the next succeeding  
3 general or special election.

4 (3) If a majority of those voting on the proposition vote in favor  
5 of the establishment of the rural county library district, the county  
6 legislative authority shall forthwith declare it established.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.12.050 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 195 s 5 are each  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 After the board of county commissioners has declared a rural county  
10 library district established, it shall appoint a board of library  
11 trustees and provide funds for the establishment and maintenance of  
12 library service for the district by making a tax levy on the property  
13 in the district of not more than fifty cents per thousand dollars of  
14 assessed value per year sufficient for the library service as shown to  
15 be required by the budget submitted to the board of county  
16 commissioners by the board of library trustees, and by making a tax  
17 levy in such further amount as shall be authorized pursuant to RCW  
18 27.12.222 or 84.52.052 or 84.52.056. The initial levy rate may not be  
19 higher than the rate set by the vote establishing the rural county  
20 library district, but may be increased as authorized under RCW  
21 27.12.222, 84.52.052, or 84.52.056. Such levies shall be a part of the  
22 general tax roll and shall be collected as a part of the general taxes  
23 against the property in the district.

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