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1 AN ACT Relating to adjusting timber tax account distribution
2 calculations; and amending RCW 84.33.081 and 84.52.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.33.081 and 2007 c 69 s 5 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) On the last business day of the second month of each calendar
7 quarter, the state treasurer (~~shall~~) must distribute from the timber
8 tax distribution account to each county the amount of tax collected on
9 behalf of each county under RCW 84.33.051, less each county's
10 proportionate share of appropriations for collection and administration
11 activities under RCW 84.33.051, and (~~shall~~) must transfer to the
12 state general fund the amount of tax collected on behalf of the state
13 under RCW 84.33.041, less the amount of the distribution under
14 subsection (~~(+7)~~) (8) of this section and the state's proportionate
15 share of appropriations for collection and administration activities
16 under RCW 84.33.041. The county treasurer (~~shall~~) must deposit
17 moneys received under this section in a county timber tax account which
18 (~~shall~~) must be established by each county. Following receipt of
19 moneys under this section, the county treasurer (~~shall~~) must make

1 distributions from any moneys available in the county timber tax
2 account to taxing districts in the county, except the state, under
3 subsections (2) through ~~((4))~~ (5) of this section.

4 (2) From moneys available, there first ~~((shall))~~ must be a
5 distribution to each taxing district having debt service payments due
6 during the calendar year, based upon bonds issued under authority of a
7 vote of the people conducted pursuant to RCW 84.52.056 and based upon
8 excess levies for a capital project fund authorized pursuant to RCW
9 84.52.053, of an amount equal to the timber assessed value of the
10 district multiplied by the tax rate levied for payment of the debt
11 service and capital projects~~((:—PROVIDED, That))~~. However, in respect
12 to levies for a debt service or capital project fund authorized before
13 July 1, 1984, the amount allocated ~~((shall))~~ may not be less than an
14 amount equal to the same percentage of such debt service or capital
15 project fund represented by timber tax allocations to such payments in
16 calendar year 1984. Distribution under this subsection (2) ~~((shall))~~
17 may be used only for debt service and capital projects payments. The
18 distribution under this subsection ~~((shall))~~ must be made as follows:
19 One-half of such amount ~~((shall))~~ must be distributed in the first
20 quarter of the year and one-half ~~((shall))~~ must be distributed in the
21 third quarter of the year.

22 (3) From the moneys remaining after the distributions under
23 subsection (2) of this section, the county treasurer ~~((shall))~~ must
24 distribute to each school district an amount equal to one-half of the
25 timber assessed value of the district ~~((or eighty percent of the timber
26 roll of such district in calendar year 1983 as determined under this
27 chapter, whichever is greater,))~~ multiplied by the tax rate, if any,
28 levied by the district under RCW 84.52.052 or 84.52.053 for purposes
29 other than debt service payments and capital projects supported under
30 subsection (2) of this section. The distribution under this subsection
31 ~~((shall))~~ must be made as follows: One-half of such amount ~~((shall))~~
32 must be distributed in the first quarter of the year and one-half
33 ~~((shall))~~ must be distributed in the third quarter of the year.

34 (4)(a) From the moneys remaining after the distributions under
35 subsections (2) and (3) of this section, an amount must be placed in
36 reserve status, to the extent possible, as follows:

37 (i) In the first full calendar year following the effective date of

1 this section, an amount sufficient to make the reserve balance equal to
2 twenty percent of the current calendar year distributions required
3 under subsections (2) and (3) of this section;

4 (ii) In the second full calendar year following the effective date
5 of this section, an amount sufficient to make the reserve balance equal
6 to forty percent of the current calendar year distributions required
7 under subsections (2) and (3) of this section;

8 (iii) In the third full calendar year following the effective date
9 of this section an amount sufficient to make the reserve balance equal
10 to sixty percent of the current calendar year distributions required
11 under subsections (2) and (3) of this section;

12 (iv) In the fourth full calendar year following the effective date
13 of this section, an amount sufficient to make the reserve balance equal
14 to eighty percent of the current calendar year distributions required
15 under subsections (2) and (3) of this section; and

16 (v) In the fifth full calendar year following the effective date of
17 this section and every year thereafter, an amount sufficient to make
18 the reserve balance equal to one hundred percent of the subsequent
19 calendar year distributions required under subsections (2) and (3) of
20 this section;

21 (b) Distributions under this subsection (4) may begin in the first
22 full calendar year following the effective date of this section to
23 offset any shortfall in moneys necessary to make the distributions
24 under subsections (2) and (3) of this section. Distributions from the
25 reserve under this subsection (4) must be made as follows: One-half of
26 such amount must be distributed in the first quarter of the year and
27 one-half must be distributed in the third quarter of the year.

28 (5) After the distributions directed under subsections (2) (~~and~~
29 ~~(3))~~ through (4) of this section, if any, each taxing district
30 (~~shall~~) must receive an amount equal to the timber assessed value of
31 the district multiplied by the tax rate, if any, levied as a regular
32 levy of the district or as a special levy not included in subsection
33 (2) or (3) of this section.

34 (~~(5)~~) (6) If there are insufficient moneys in the county timber
35 tax account to make full distribution under subsection (~~(4)~~) (5) of
36 this section, the county treasurer (~~shall~~) must multiply the amount
37 to be distributed to each taxing district under that subsection by a
38 fraction. The numerator of the fraction is the county timber tax

1 account balance before making the distribution under that subsection.
2 The denominator of the fraction is the account balance which would be
3 required to make full distribution under that subsection.

4 ~~((6) After making the distributions under subsections (2) through~~
5 ~~(4) of this section in the full amount indicated for the calendar year,~~
6 ~~the county treasurer shall place any excess revenue up to twenty~~
7 ~~percent of the total distributions made for the year under subsections~~
8 ~~(2) through (4) of this section in a reserve status until the beginning~~
9 ~~of the next calendar year.)) (7) Any moneys remaining in the county~~

10 timber tax account after ~~((this amount is placed in reserve shall))~~
11 making the distributions under subsections (2) through (5) of this
12 section must be distributed to each taxing district in the county in
13 the same proportions as the distributions made under subsection ~~((4))~~
14 (5) of this section.

15 ~~((7))~~ (8) On the last business day of the second month of each
16 calendar quarter, the state treasurer ~~((shall))~~ must distribute from
17 the timber tax distribution account to each county an amount of tax
18 collected by the state under RCW 84.33.041 equal to the amount of any
19 tribal tax credited against the county's tax under an agreement entered
20 into under RCW 43.06.480.

21 **Sec. 2.** RCW 84.52.080 and 2010 c 106 s 314 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (1) The county assessor must extend the taxes upon the tax rolls in
24 the form prescribed in this section. The rate percent necessary to
25 raise the amounts of taxes levied for state and county purposes, and
26 for purposes of taxing districts coextensive with the county, must be
27 computed upon the assessed value of the property of the county. The
28 rate percent necessary to raise the amount of taxes levied for any
29 taxing district within the county must be computed upon the assessed
30 value of the property of the district. All taxes assessed against any
31 property must be added together and extended on the rolls in a column
32 headed consolidated or total tax. In extending any tax, whenever the
33 tax amounts to a fractional part of a cent greater than one-half of a
34 cent it must be rounded up to one cent, and whenever it amounts to one-
35 half of a cent or less it must be dropped. The amount of all taxes
36 must be entered in the proper columns, as shown by entering the rate

1 percent necessary to raise the consolidated or total tax and the total
2 tax assessed against the property.

3 (2) For the purpose of computing the rate necessary to raise the
4 amount of any excess levy in a taxing district entitled to a
5 distribution under RCW 84.33.081, other than the state, the county
6 assessor must add the district's timber assessed value, as defined in
7 RCW 84.33.035, to the assessed value of the property. However, for
8 school districts maintenance and operations levies, only one-half of
9 the district's timber assessed value (~~((or eighty percent of the timber~~
10 ~~roll of the district in calendar year 1983 as determined under chapter~~
11 ~~84.33 RCW, whichever is greater,))~~ must be added to the assessed value
12 of the property.

13 (3) Upon the completion of such tax extension, it is the duty of
14 the county assessor to make in each assessment book, tax roll or list
15 a certificate in the following form:

16 I,....., assessor of..... county, state of
17 Washington, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a
18 correct list of taxes levied on the real and personal property
19 in the county of..... for the year two thousand.....
20 Witness my hand this.... day of....., 20...
21, County Assessor

22 (4) The county assessor must deliver the tax rolls to the county
23 treasurer, on or before the fifteenth day of January, taking a receipt
24 from the treasurer. At the same time, the county assessor must provide
25 the county auditor with an abstract of the tax rolls showing the total
26 amount of taxes collectible in each of the taxing districts.

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