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HOUSE BILL 2465

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By Representative Moeller

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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the property tax revenue limit;  
2 amending RCW 84.55.005 and 84.55.0101; creating a new section; and  
3 providing for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.55.005 and 2007 sp.s. c 1 s 1 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 As used in this chapter:

8 (1) "Inflation" means the average annual percentage change in the  
9 implicit price deflator for personal consumption expenditures for the  
10 United States as (~~published~~) provided for the most recent twelve-  
11 month period by the bureau of economic analysis of the federal  
12 department of commerce in September of the year before the taxes are  
13 payable;

14 (2) "Limit factor" means:

15 (a) For taxing districts with a population of less than ten  
16 thousand in the calendar year prior to the assessment year, the greater  
17 of one hundred (~~one~~) percent plus inflation or one hundred one  
18 percent;

1 (b) For taxing districts for which a limit factor is authorized  
2 under RCW 84.55.0101, the (~~lesser of~~) greater of one hundred percent,  
3 one hundred percent plus inflation, or the limit factor authorized  
4 under that section (~~or~~) of one hundred one percent;

5 (c) For all other districts, (~~the lesser of one hundred one~~  
6 ~~percent or one hundred percent plus~~) the greater of one hundred  
7 percent plus inflation or one hundred percent; and

8 (3) "Regular property taxes" has the meaning given it in RCW  
9 84.04.140.

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. If this act is adopted and ratified by the  
11 voters, as provided in section 4 of this act, this act applies to taxes  
12 levied for collection in 2013 and thereafter.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 84.55.0101 and 2007 sp.s. c 1 s 2 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 Upon a finding of substantial need, the legislative authority of a  
16 taxing district other than the state may provide for the use of a limit  
17 factor under this chapter of one hundred one percent (~~or less~~). In  
18 districts with legislative authorities of four members or less, two-  
19 thirds of the members must approve an ordinance or resolution under  
20 this section. In districts with more than four members, a majority  
21 plus one vote must approve an ordinance or resolution under this  
22 section. The new limit factor shall be effective for taxes collected  
23 in the following year only.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The secretary of state shall submit this act  
25 to the people for their adoption and ratification, or rejection, at the  
26 next general election to be held in this state, in accordance with  
27 Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and the laws adopted to  
28 facilitate its operation.

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