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1 AN ACT Relating to creating flexible conservation futures taxing
2 districts; and adding a new chapter to Title 36 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1. FLEXIBLE CONSERVATION FUTURES TAXING**
5 **DISTRICTS AUTHORIZED.** For the purpose of acquiring conservation
6 futures and other rights and interests in real property pursuant to RCW
7 84.34.210 and 84.34.220, and for maintaining and operating any property
8 acquired with these funds, a county may create a flexible conservation
9 futures taxing district within such county and may enlarge any district
10 containing a lesser territory than the whole county, or reduce any
11 district already created, or combine or consolidate districts or
12 divide, or create new districts from time to time in the manner
13 provided in this chapter.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2. LEVY RATE.** A levy imposed on property under
15 this chapter may not exceed a total levy amount of six and one-quarter
16 cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation against the assessed
17 valuation of all taxable property within the county.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3. DEFINITIONS.** For the purposes of this
2 chapter, "district" means a flexible conservation futures taxing
3 district created under this chapter.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4. TAX IN LIEU OF CONSERVATION FUTURES LEVY.**
5 A county may not impose a levy under this chapter on any property on
6 which a levy is imposed under RCW 84.34.230.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5. CREATION OF DISTRICT--RESOLUTION OR**
8 **PETITION--CONTENTS.** (1) A district may be initiated upon the adoption
9 of a resolution of intention by a county legislative authority. A
10 resolution of intention must set forth:

11 (a) The nature of the district's proposed activities;

12 (b) That the amount of any levies proposed to be raised by the
13 district are in lieu of any conservation futures levies imposed under
14 RCW 84.34.230; and

15 (c) The proposed boundaries of the district.

16 (2) A resolution of intention must also designate the number of the
17 proposed district, and fix a date, time, and place for a public hearing
18 on the formation of the proposed district. The date for the public
19 hearing must be at least thirty days and no more than ninety days after
20 the adoption of the resolution of intention unless an emergency exists.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6. CREATION OF DISTRICT--PUBLIC HEARING--**
22 **NOTICE--CONTENTS.** (1) Notice of the public hearing under this chapter
23 must be published in at least two consecutive issues of a newspaper of
24 general circulation in the proposed district, the date of the first
25 publication to be at least fifteen days prior to the date fixed for the
26 public hearing by the resolution of intention.

27 (2) Notices of the public hearing must:

28 (a) Refer to the resolution of intention;

29 (b) Designate the proposed district by number;

30 (c) Set forth a proposed plan describing:

31 (i) The nature of the proposed district activities; and

32 (ii) That the amount of any levies proposed to be raised by the
33 district are in lieu of any conservation futures levies imposed under
34 RCW 84.34.230; and

1 (d) Indicate the date, time, and place of the public hearing
2 designated in the resolution of intention.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7. DESIGNATION OF DISTRICT.** If the county
4 legislative authority deems the interests of the county or of any
5 particular section thereof will be benefited by the creation of a
6 district or districts under this chapter, or the changing thereof, it
7 must make a record thereof upon the minutes of the county legislative
8 authority and must designate such territory in each such district as
9 "Flexible Conservation Futures Taxing District No. [insert number] for
10 [insert county name] County."

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8. TREASURER--TAX LEVIES.** The county treasurer
12 must be ex officio treasurer for each of the districts formed under
13 this chapter and the county assessor and other county officers must
14 take notice of the formation of such district or districts and are
15 governed by the provisions of this chapter. The tax levies under this
16 chapter must be extended on the tax rolls against the property liable
17 therefor the same as other taxes are extended, and must become a part
18 of the general tax against such property and be collected and accounted
19 for the same as other taxes are, with the terms and penalties attached
20 thereto. The moneys so collected must be held and disbursed as a
21 special fund for such district and must be paid out only on warrant
22 issued by the county auditor upon voucher approved by the board of
23 county commissioners.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9. SUPERVISION OF THE DISTRICT.** The supervisor
25 of the district must be either:

26 (1) The county commissioner within his or her respective
27 commissioner district; or

28 (2) A person designated by the county legislative authority, other
29 than the county commissioner, to act as the district supervisor. If a
30 person other than the county commissioner is designated as district
31 supervisor, the county legislative authority must fix that person's
32 compensation therefor. If a county legislative authority member is
33 designated as the district supervisor he or she is entitled to his or
34 her actual expenses and his or her per diem as a member of the county

1 legislative authority, the same as if he or she were doing other county
2 business.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Sections 1 through 9 of this act constitute
4 a new chapter in Title 36 RCW.

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