

SB 6305 - H COMM AMD
By Committee on Local Government

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 27.12.222 and 1984 c 186 s 8 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 A rural county library district, intercounty rural library
6 district, or island library district may contract indebtedness and
7 issue general obligation bonds not to exceed an amount, together with
8 any outstanding nonvoter approved general obligation indebtedness,
9 equal to one-tenth of one percent of the value of the taxable
10 property within the district, as the term "value of the taxable
11 property" is defined in RCW 39.36.015. The maximum term of nonvoter
12 approved general obligation bonds shall not exceed (~~six~~) twenty
13 years. A rural county library district, island library district, or
14 intercounty rural library district may additionally contract
15 indebtedness and issue general obligation bonds for capital purposes
16 only, together with any outstanding general indebtedness, not to
17 exceed an amount equal to one-half of one percent of the value of the
18 taxable property within the district, as the term "value of the
19 taxable property" is defined in RCW 39.36.015 whenever a proposition
20 authorizing the issuance of such bonds has been approved by the
21 voters of the district pursuant to RCW 39.36.050, by three-fifths of
22 the persons voting on the proposition at which election the number of
23 persons voting on the proposition shall constitute not less than
24 forty percent of the total number of votes cast in such taxing
25 district at the last preceding general election. If the voters shall
26 so authorize at an election held pursuant to RCW 39.36.050, the
27 district may levy annual taxes in excess of normal legal limitations
28 to pay the principal and interest upon such bonds as they shall
29 become due. The excess levies mentioned in this section or in RCW
30 84.52.052 or 84.52.056 may be made notwithstanding anything contained
31 in RCW 27.12.050 or 27.12.150 or any other statute pertaining to such
32 library districts.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.15.020 and 2015 c 53 s 4 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1) Upon receipt of a completed written request to both establish
4 a library capital facility area and submit a ballot proposition under
5 RCW 27.15.050 to finance library capital facilities, that is signed
6 by a majority of the members of the board of trustees of a library
7 district or board of trustees of a city or town library, the county
8 legislative authority or county legislative authorities for the
9 county or counties in which a proposed library capital facility area
10 is to be established (~~shall~~) must submit (~~separate~~) a ballot
11 proposition(~~s~~) to voters to (~~authorize establishing~~) establish
12 the proposed library capital facility area and (~~authorizing~~)
13 authorize the library capital facility area(~~, if established,~~) to
14 finance library capital facilities by issuing general indebtedness
15 and imposing excess levies to retire the indebtedness. The ballot
16 proposition(~~s shall~~) must be submitted to voters at a general or
17 special election. If the proposed election date is not a general
18 election, the county legislative authority is encouraged to request
19 an election when another unit of local government with territory
20 located in the proposed library capital facility area is already
21 holding a special election under RCW 29A.04.330. (~~Approval of the~~
22 ~~ballot proposition to create a library capital facility area shall~~
23 ~~be~~) The ballot proposition must be approved by a (~~simple majority~~)
24 supermajority vote.

25 (2) A completed request submitted under this section (~~shall~~)
26 must include: (~~1~~) (a) A description of the boundaries of the
27 library capital facility area; and (~~2~~) (b) a copy of the
28 resolution of the legislative authority of each city or town, and
29 board of trustees of each library district, with territory included
30 within the proposed library capital facility area indicating both:
31 (~~a~~) (i) Its approval of the creation of the proposed library
32 capital facility area; and (~~b~~) (ii) agreement on how election
33 costs will be paid for submitting the ballot proposition(~~s~~) to
34 voters (~~that authorize the library capital facility area to incur~~
35 ~~general indebtedness and impose excess levies to retire the general~~
36 ~~indebtedness~~).

37 (3) For the purposes of this section, a supermajority vote means
38 the affirmative vote of a three-fifths majority of those voting on
39 the proposition, and the total number of persons voting on the
40 proposition must be at least 40 percent of the voters in the proposed

1 library capital facility area who voted in the last preceding
2 statewide general election."

3 Correct the title.

EFFECT: (1) Requires that a ballot proposition to establish a library capital facility area and authorize financing of library capital facilities be approved by a supermajority vote rather than a simple majority vote.

(2) Defines supermajority as the affirmative vote of a three-fifths majority of those voting on the proposition, and specifies that the total number of persons voting on the proposition must be at least 40 percent of the voters in the proposed library capital facility area who voted in the last preceding statewide general election.

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