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1 AN ACT Relating to providing additional support and services for
2 veterans' assistance and for persons with developmental disabilities
3 or mental health needs; amending RCW 71.20.110, 73.08.080, 84.52.043,
4 84.52.043, 84.52.010, 84.52.010, and 84.55.005; creating a new
5 section; providing an effective date; and providing an expiration
6 date.

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

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 71.20.110 and 2013 c 123 s 1 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1) (a) In order to provide additional funds for the coordination
11 and provision of community services for persons with developmental
12 disabilities or mental health services, the county governing
13 authority of each county in the state must ~~((budget and))~~ levy
14 annually a tax in a sum equal to the amount which would be raised by
15 ~~((a levy of))~~ two and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed
16 value against the taxable property in the county ~~((, or as such amount
17 is modified pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) of this section,))~~ to
18 be used for such purposes. ~~((However, all))~~

19 (b) The levy required in this section must be:

1 (i) Imposed by the legislative authority of the county as a
2 separate levy, independent of the regular property tax levy
3 authorized in RCW 84.52.043(1)(b); or

4 (ii) Imposed by the legislative authority of the county as part
5 of its levy authorized in RCW 84.52.043(1)(b).

6 (2) All or part of the funds collected from the tax levied for
7 the purposes of this section may be transferred to the state of
8 Washington, department of social and health services, for the purpose
9 of obtaining federal matching funds to provide and coordinate
10 community services for persons with developmental disabilities and
11 mental health services. In the event a county elects to transfer such
12 tax funds to the state for this purpose, the state must grant these
13 moneys and the additional funds received as matching funds to
14 service-providing community agencies or community boards in the
15 county which has made such transfer, pursuant to the plan approved by
16 the county, as provided by chapters 71.24 and 71.28 RCW and by
17 chapter 71A.14 RCW, all as now or hereafter amended.

18 ~~((2) The amount of a levy allocated to the purposes specified in~~
19 ~~this section may be reduced in the same proportion as the regular~~
20 ~~property tax levy of the county is reduced by chapter 84.55 RCW.~~

21 ~~(3)(a) The amount of a levy allocated to the purposes specified~~
22 ~~in this section may be modified from the amount required by~~
23 ~~subsection (1) of this section as follows:~~

24 ~~(i) If the certified levy is reduced from the preceding year's~~
25 ~~certified levy, the amount of the levy allocated to the purposes~~
26 ~~specified in this section may be reduced by no more than the same~~
27 ~~percentage as the certified levy is reduced from the preceding year's~~
28 ~~certified levy;~~

29 ~~(ii) If the certified levy is increased from the preceding year's~~
30 ~~certified levy, the amount of the levy allocated to the purposes~~
31 ~~specified in this section must be increased from the amount of the~~
32 ~~levy so allocated in the previous year by at least the same~~
33 ~~percentage as the certified levy is increased from the preceding~~
34 ~~year's certified levy. However, the amount of the levy allocated to~~
35 ~~the purposes specified in this section does not have to be increased~~
36 ~~under this subsection (3)(a)(ii) for the portion of a certified levy~~
37 ~~increase resulting from a voter-approved increase under RCW 84.55.050~~
38 ~~that is dedicated to a specific purpose; or~~

39 ~~(iii) If the certified levy is unchanged from the preceding~~
40 ~~year's certified levy, the amount of the levy allocated to the~~

1 ~~purposes specified in this section must be equal to or greater than~~
2 ~~the amount of the levy so allocated in the preceding year.~~

3 ~~(b) For purposes of this subsection, "certified levy" means the~~
4 ~~property tax levy for general county purposes certified to the county~~
5 ~~assessor as required by RCW 84.52.070, excluding any amounts~~
6 ~~certified under chapters 84.69 and 84.68 RCW.~~

7 ~~(4) Subsections (2) and (3) of this section do not preclude a~~
8 ~~county from increasing the levy amount in subsection (1) of this~~
9 ~~section to an amount that is greater than the change in the regular~~
10 ~~county levy.)~~

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 73.08.080 and 2019 c 432 s 35 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (1) (a) The legislative authority in each county must levy ~~((~~in~~~~
14 ~~addition to the taxes now levied by law,))~~ a tax in a sum equal to
15 the amount that would be raised by not less than one and one-eighth
16 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, and not greater than
17 twenty-seven cents per thousand dollars of assessed value against the
18 taxable property of their respective counties, to be levied and
19 collected as now prescribed by law for the assessment and collection
20 of taxes, for the purpose of creating a veterans' assistance fund.

21 (b) The levy required under (a) of this subsection must be:

22 (i) Imposed by the legislative authority of the county as a
23 separate levy, independent of the regular property tax levy
24 authorized in RCW 84.52.043(1)(b); or

25 (ii) Imposed by the legislative authority of the county as part
26 of its levy authorized in RCW 84.52.043(1)(b).

27 (c) Expenditures from the veterans' assistance fund, and interest
28 earned on balances from the fund, may be used only for:

29 ~~((~~a~~))~~ (i) The veterans' assistance programs authorized by RCW
30 73.08.010;

31 ~~((~~b~~))~~ (ii) The lawful disposition of the remains as defined in
32 RCW 68.04.020 of a deceased indigent veteran or deceased family
33 member of an indigent veteran as authorized by RCW 73.08.070; and

34 ~~((~~e~~))~~ (iii) The direct and indirect costs incurred in the
35 administration of the fund as authorized by subsection (2) of this
36 section.

37 (2) If the funds on deposit in the veterans' assistance fund,
38 less outstanding warrants, on the first Tuesday in September exceed
39 the lesser of the expected yield of one and one-eighth cents per

1 thousand dollars of assessed value against the taxable property of
2 the county or the expected yield of a levy determined as set forth in
3 subsection (5) of this section, the county legislative authority may
4 levy a lesser amount than would otherwise be required under
5 subsection (1) or (5) of this section.

6 (3) The direct and indirect costs incurred in the administration
7 of the veterans' assistance fund must be computed by the county
8 auditor, or the chief financial officer in a county operating under a
9 charter, not less than annually. Following the computation of these
10 direct and indirect costs, an amount equal to these costs may then be
11 transferred from the veterans' assistance fund to the county current
12 expense fund.

13 (4) The amount of a levy allocated to the purposes specified in
14 this section may be reduced in the same proportion as the regular
15 property tax levy of the county is reduced by chapter 84.55 RCW.

16 (5) (a) (~~The~~) If the levy is administered with the method
17 provided in subsection (1)(b)(ii) of this section, the amount of a
18 levy allocated to the purposes specified in this section may be
19 modified from the amount required by subsection (1) of this section
20 as follows:

21 (i) If the certified levy is reduced from the preceding year's
22 certified levy, the amount of the levy allocated to the purposes
23 specified in this section may be reduced by no more than the same
24 percentage as the certified levy is reduced from the preceding year's
25 certified levy;

26 (ii) If the certified levy is increased from the preceding year's
27 certified levy, the amount of the levy allocated to the purposes
28 specified in this section may not be less than the base allocation
29 increased by the same percentage as the certified levy is increased
30 from the preceding year's certified levy. However, the amount of the
31 levy allocated to the purposes specified in this section does not
32 have to be increased under this subsection (5)(a)(ii) for the portion
33 of a certified levy increase resulting from a voter-approved increase
34 under RCW 84.55.050 that is dedicated to a specific purpose; or

35 (iii) If the certified levy is unchanged from the preceding
36 year's certified levy, the amount of the levy allocated to the
37 purposes specified in this section must be equal to or greater than
38 the base allocation.

39 (b) For purposes of this subsection, the following definitions
40 apply:

1 (i) "Base allocation" means the most recent allocation that was
2 not reduced under subsection (2) of this section.

3 (ii) "Certified levy" means the property tax levy for general
4 county purposes certified to the county assessor as required by RCW
5 84.52.070, excluding any amounts certified under chapters 84.69 and
6 84.68 RCW.

7 (6) Subsections (2), (4), and (5) of this section do not preclude
8 a county from increasing the levy amount in subsection (1) of this
9 section to an amount that is greater than the change in the regular
10 county levy.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 84.52.043 and 2021 c 117 s 3 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 Within and subject to the limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 as
14 amended, the regular ad valorem tax levies upon real and personal
15 property by the taxing districts hereafter named are as follows:

16 (1) Levies of the senior taxing districts are as follows: (a) The
17 levies by the state may not exceed the applicable aggregate rate
18 limit specified in RCW 84.52.065 (2) or (4) adjusted to the state
19 equalized value in accordance with the indicated ratio fixed by the
20 state department of revenue to be used exclusively for the support of
21 the common schools; (b) the levy by any county may not exceed one
22 dollar and 80 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value; (c) the levy by any
23 county pursuant to RCW 73.08.080(1)(b)(i) may not exceed 27 cents per
24 \$1,000 of assessed value or be less than 1.125 cents per \$1,000 of
25 assessed value; (d) the levy by any road district may not exceed two
26 dollars and 25 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value; and ~~((d))~~ (e)
27 the levy by any city or town may not exceed three dollars and 37.5
28 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. However, any county is hereby
29 authorized to increase its levy from one dollar and 80 cents to a
30 rate not to exceed two dollars and 47.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed
31 value for general county purposes if the total levies for both the
32 county and any road district within the county do not exceed four
33 dollars and five cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, and no other
34 taxing district has its levy reduced as a result of the increased
35 county levy.

36 (2) The aggregate levies of junior taxing districts and senior
37 taxing districts, other than the state, may not exceed five dollars
38 and 90 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The term "junior
39 taxing districts" includes all taxing districts other than the state,

1 counties, road districts, cities, towns, port districts, and public
2 utility districts. The limitations provided in this subsection do not
3 apply to: (a) Levies at the rates provided by existing law by or for
4 any port or public utility district; (b) excess property tax levies
5 authorized in Article VII, section 2 of the state Constitution; (c)
6 levies for acquiring conservation futures as authorized under RCW
7 84.34.230; (d) levies for emergency medical care or emergency medical
8 services imposed under RCW 84.52.069; (e) levies to finance
9 affordable housing imposed under RCW 84.52.105; (f) the portions of
10 levies by metropolitan park districts that are protected under RCW
11 84.52.120; (g) levies imposed by ferry districts under RCW 36.54.130;
12 (h) levies for criminal justice purposes under RCW 84.52.135; (i) the
13 portions of levies by fire protection districts and regional fire
14 protection service authorities that are protected under RCW
15 84.52.125; (j) levies by counties for transit-related purposes under
16 RCW 84.52.140; (k) the portion of the levy by flood control zone
17 districts that are protected under RCW 84.52.816; (l) levies imposed
18 by a regional transit authority under RCW 81.104.175; ~~((and))~~ (m)
19 levies imposed by any park and recreation district described under
20 RCW 84.52.010(3)(a)(vii); and (n) levies for veterans' assistance
21 under RCW 73.08.080(1)(b)(i).

22 **Sec. 4.** RCW 84.52.043 and 2020 c 253 s 3 are each amended to
23 read as follows:

24 Within and subject to the limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 as
25 amended, the regular ad valorem tax levies upon real and personal
26 property by the taxing districts hereafter named are as follows:

27 (1) Levies of the senior taxing districts are as follows: (a) The
28 levies by the state may not exceed the applicable aggregate rate
29 limit specified in RCW 84.52.065 (2) or (4) adjusted to the state
30 equalized value in accordance with the indicated ratio fixed by the
31 state department of revenue to be used exclusively for the support of
32 the common schools; (b) the levy by any county may not exceed one
33 dollar and eighty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value; (c)
34 the levy by any county pursuant to RCW 73.08.080(1)(b)(i) may not
35 exceed 27 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value or be less than 1.125
36 cents per \$1,000 dollars of assessed value; (d) the levy by any road
37 district may not exceed two dollars and twenty-five cents per
38 thousand dollars of assessed value; and ~~((d))~~ (e) the levy by any
39 city or town may not exceed three dollars and thirty-seven and one-

1 half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value. However any county
2 is hereby authorized to increase its levy from one dollar and eighty
3 cents to a rate not to exceed two dollars and forty-seven and one-
4 half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value for general county
5 purposes if the total levies for both the county and any road
6 district within the county do not exceed four dollars and five cents
7 per thousand dollars of assessed value, and no other taxing district
8 has its levy reduced as a result of the increased county levy.

9 (2) The aggregate levies of junior taxing districts and senior
10 taxing districts, other than the state, may not exceed five dollars
11 and ninety cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The term
12 "junior taxing districts" includes all taxing districts other than
13 the state, counties, road districts, cities, towns, port districts,
14 and public utility districts. The limitations provided in this
15 subsection do not apply to: (a) Levies at the rates provided by
16 existing law by or for any port or public utility district; (b)
17 excess property tax levies authorized in Article VII, section 2 of
18 the state Constitution; (c) levies for acquiring conservation futures
19 as authorized under RCW 84.34.230; (d) levies for emergency medical
20 care or emergency medical services imposed under RCW 84.52.069; (e)
21 levies to finance affordable housing imposed under RCW 84.52.105; (f)
22 the portions of levies by metropolitan park districts that are
23 protected under RCW 84.52.120; (g) levies imposed by ferry districts
24 under RCW 36.54.130; (h) levies for criminal justice purposes under
25 RCW 84.52.135; (i) the portions of levies by fire protection
26 districts and regional fire protection service authorities that are
27 protected under RCW 84.52.125; (j) levies by counties for transit-
28 related purposes under RCW 84.52.140; (k) the portion of the levy by
29 flood control zone districts that are protected under RCW 84.52.816;
30 ~~((and))~~ (l) levies imposed by a regional transit authority under RCW
31 81.104.175; and (m) levies for veterans' assistance under RCW
32 73.08.080(1)(b)(i).

33 **Sec. 5.** RCW 84.52.010 and 2021 c 117 s 2 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (1) Except as is permitted under RCW 84.55.050, all taxes must be
36 levied or voted in specific amounts.

37 (2) The rate percent of all taxes for state and county purposes,
38 and purposes of taxing districts coextensive with the county, must be
39 determined, calculated and fixed by the county assessors of the

1 respective counties, within the limitations provided by law, upon the
2 assessed valuation of the property of the county, as shown by the
3 completed tax rolls of the county, and the rate percent of all taxes
4 levied for purposes of taxing districts within any county must be
5 determined, calculated and fixed by the county assessors of the
6 respective counties, within the limitations provided by law, upon the
7 assessed valuation of the property of the taxing districts
8 respectively.

9 (3) When a county assessor finds that the aggregate rate of tax
10 levy on any property, that is subject to the limitations set forth in
11 RCW 84.52.043 or 84.52.050, exceeds the limitations provided in
12 either of these sections, the assessor must recompute and establish a
13 consolidated levy in the following manner:

14 (a) The full certified rates of tax levy for state, county,
15 county road district, regional transit authority, and city or town
16 purposes must be extended on the tax rolls in amounts not exceeding
17 the limitations established by law; however, any state levy takes
18 precedence over all other levies and may not be reduced for any
19 purpose other than that required by RCW 84.55.010. If, as a result of
20 the levies imposed under RCW 36.54.130, 36.69.145 by a park and
21 recreation district described under (a)(vii) of this subsection (3),
22 73.08.080(1)(b)(i), 84.34.230, 84.52.069, 84.52.105, the portion of
23 the levy by a metropolitan park district that was protected under RCW
24 84.52.120, 84.52.125, 84.52.135, and 84.52.140, and the portion of
25 the levy by a flood control zone district that was protected under
26 RCW 84.52.816, the combined rate of regular property tax levies that
27 are subject to the one percent limitation exceeds one percent of the
28 true and fair value of any property, then these levies must be
29 reduced as follows:

30 (i) The portion of the levy by a flood control zone district that
31 was protected under RCW 84.52.816 must be reduced until the combined
32 rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any
33 property or must be eliminated;

34 (ii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are
35 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of
36 the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a county
37 under RCW 84.52.140 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer
38 exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property or
39 must be eliminated;

1 (iii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that
2 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent
3 of the true and fair value of any property, the portion of the levy
4 by a fire protection district or regional fire protection service
5 authority that is protected under RCW 84.52.125 must be reduced until
6 the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair
7 value of any property or must be eliminated;

8 (iv) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are
9 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of
10 the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a county
11 under RCW 84.52.135 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer
12 exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property or
13 must be eliminated;

14 (v) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are
15 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of
16 the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a ferry
17 district under RCW 36.54.130 must be reduced until the combined rate
18 no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any
19 property or must be eliminated;

20 (vi) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are
21 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of
22 the true and fair value of any property, the portion of the levy by a
23 metropolitan park district that is protected under RCW 84.52.120 must
24 be reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of
25 the true and fair value of any property or must be eliminated;

26 (vii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that
27 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent
28 of the true and fair value of any property, then the levies imposed
29 under RCW 36.69.145 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer
30 exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property or
31 must be eliminated. This subsection (3)(a)(vii) only applies to a
32 park and recreation district located on an island and within a county
33 with a population exceeding 2,000,000;

34 (viii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that
35 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent
36 of the true and fair value of any property, then the levies imposed
37 under RCW 84.34.230, 84.52.105, and any portion of the levy imposed
38 under RCW 84.52.069 that is in excess of 30 cents per \$1,000 of
39 assessed value, must be reduced on a pro rata basis until the

1 combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair
2 value of any property or must be eliminated; and

3 (ix) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are
4 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of
5 the true and fair value of any property, then the 30 cents per \$1,000
6 of assessed value of tax levy imposed under RCW 84.52.069 must be
7 reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the
8 true and fair value of any property or eliminated.

9 (b) The certified rates of tax levy subject to these limitations
10 by all junior taxing districts imposing taxes on such property must
11 be reduced or eliminated as follows to bring the consolidated levy of
12 taxes on such property within the provisions of these limitations:

13 (i) First, the certified property tax levy authorized under RCW
14 84.52.821 must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

15 (ii) Second, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds
16 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of those
17 junior taxing districts authorized under RCW 36.68.525, 36.69.145
18 except a park and recreation district described under (a)(vii) of
19 this subsection, 35.95A.100, and 67.38.130 must be reduced on a pro
20 rata basis or eliminated;

21 (iii) Third, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds
22 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of flood
23 control zone districts other than the portion of a levy protected
24 under RCW 84.52.816 must be reduced on a pro rata basis or
25 eliminated;

26 (iv) Fourth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds
27 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of all other
28 junior taxing districts, other than fire protection districts,
29 regional fire protection service authorities, library districts, the
30 first 50 (~~cent[s]~~) cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation levies
31 for metropolitan park districts, and the first 50 (~~cent[s]~~) cents
32 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation levies for public hospital
33 districts, must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

34 (v) Fifth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds these
35 limitations, the first 50 (~~cent[s]~~) cents per \$1,000 of assessed
36 valuation levies for metropolitan park districts created on or after
37 January 1, 2002, must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

38 (vi) Sixth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds these
39 limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized to fire
40 protection districts under RCW 52.16.140 and 52.16.160 and regional

1 fire protection service authorities under RCW 52.26.140(1) (b) and
2 (c) must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated; (~~and~~)

3 (vii) Seventh, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds
4 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized
5 for fire protection districts under RCW 52.16.130, regional fire
6 protection service authorities under RCW 52.26.140(1)(a), library
7 districts, metropolitan park districts created before January 1,
8 2002, under their first 50 (~~cent[s]~~) cents per \$1,000 of assessed
9 valuation levy, and public hospital districts under their first 50
10 (~~cent[s]~~) cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation levy, must be
11 reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated; and

12 (viii) Eighth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds
13 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized
14 for veterans' assistance under RCW 73.08.080(1)(b)(i) must be reduced
15 on a pro rata basis or eliminated.

16 **Sec. 6.** RCW 84.52.010 and 2017 c 196 s 10 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (1) Except as is permitted under RCW 84.55.050, all taxes must be
19 levied or voted in specific amounts.

20 (2) The rate percent of all taxes for state and county purposes,
21 and purposes of taxing districts coextensive with the county, must be
22 determined, calculated and fixed by the county assessors of the
23 respective counties, within the limitations provided by law, upon the
24 assessed valuation of the property of the county, as shown by the
25 completed tax rolls of the county, and the rate percent of all taxes
26 levied for purposes of taxing districts within any county must be
27 determined, calculated and fixed by the county assessors of the
28 respective counties, within the limitations provided by law, upon the
29 assessed valuation of the property of the taxing districts
30 respectively.

31 (3) When a county assessor finds that the aggregate rate of tax
32 levy on any property, that is subject to the limitations set forth in
33 RCW 84.52.043 or 84.52.050, exceeds the limitations provided in
34 either of these sections, the assessor must recompute and establish a
35 consolidated levy in the following manner:

36 (a) The full certified rates of tax levy for state, county,
37 county road district, regional transit authority, and city or town
38 purposes must be extended on the tax rolls in amounts not exceeding
39 the limitations established by law; however any state levy takes

1 precedence over all other levies and may not be reduced for any
2 purpose other than that required by RCW 84.55.010. If, as a result of
3 the levies imposed under RCW 36.54.130, 73.08.080(1)(b)(i),
4 84.34.230, 84.52.069, 84.52.105, the portion of the levy by a
5 metropolitan park district that was protected under RCW 84.52.120,
6 84.52.125, 84.52.135, and 84.52.140, and the portion of the levy by a
7 flood control zone district that was protected under RCW 84.52.816,
8 the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are subject to
9 the one percent limitation exceeds one percent of the true and fair
10 value of any property, then these levies must be reduced as follows:

11 (i) The portion of the levy by a flood control zone district that
12 was protected under RCW 84.52.816 must be reduced until the combined
13 rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any
14 property or must be eliminated;

15 (ii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are
16 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of
17 the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a county
18 under RCW 84.52.140 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer
19 exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property or
20 must be eliminated;

21 (iii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that
22 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent
23 of the true and fair value of any property, the portion of the levy
24 by a fire protection district or regional fire protection service
25 authority that is protected under RCW 84.52.125 must be reduced until
26 the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair
27 value of any property or must be eliminated;

28 (iv) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are
29 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of
30 the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a county
31 under RCW 84.52.135 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer
32 exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any property or
33 must be eliminated;

34 (v) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are
35 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of
36 the true and fair value of any property, the levy imposed by a ferry
37 district under RCW 36.54.130 must be reduced until the combined rate
38 no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair value of any
39 property or must be eliminated;

1 (vi) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that are
2 subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent of
3 the true and fair value of any property, the portion of the levy by a
4 metropolitan park district that is protected under RCW 84.52.120 must
5 be reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of
6 the true and fair value of any property or must be eliminated;

7 (vii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that
8 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent
9 of the true and fair value of any property, then the levies imposed
10 under RCW 84.34.230, 84.52.105, and any portion of the levy imposed
11 under RCW 84.52.069 that is in excess of thirty cents per thousand
12 dollars of assessed value, must be reduced on a pro rata basis until
13 the combined rate no longer exceeds one percent of the true and fair
14 value of any property or must be eliminated; and

15 (viii) If the combined rate of regular property tax levies that
16 are subject to the one percent limitation still exceeds one percent
17 of the true and fair value of any property, then the thirty cents per
18 thousand dollars of assessed value of tax levy imposed under RCW
19 84.52.069 must be reduced until the combined rate no longer exceeds
20 one percent of the true and fair value of any property or eliminated.

21 (b) The certified rates of tax levy subject to these limitations
22 by all junior taxing districts imposing taxes on such property must
23 be reduced or eliminated as follows to bring the consolidated levy of
24 taxes on such property within the provisions of these limitations:

25 (i) First, the certified property tax levy authorized under RCW
26 84.52.821 must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;

27 (ii) Second, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds
28 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of those
29 junior taxing districts authorized under RCW 36.68.525, 36.69.145,
30 35.95A.100, and 67.38.130 must be reduced on a pro rata basis or
31 eliminated;

32 (iii) Third, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds
33 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of flood
34 control zone districts other than the portion of a levy protected
35 under RCW 84.52.816 must be reduced on a pro rata basis or
36 eliminated;

37 (iv) Fourth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds
38 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates of all other
39 junior taxing districts, other than fire protection districts,
40 regional fire protection service authorities, library districts, the

1 first fifty (~~cent[s]~~) cents per thousand dollars of assessed
2 valuation levies for metropolitan park districts, and the first fifty
3 (~~cent[s]~~) cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation levies
4 for public hospital districts, must be reduced on a pro rata basis or
5 eliminated;

6 (v) Fifth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds these
7 limitations, the first fifty (~~cent[s]~~) cents per thousand dollars
8 of assessed valuation levies for metropolitan park districts created
9 on or after January 1, 2002, must be reduced on a pro rata basis or
10 eliminated;

11 (vi) Sixth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds these
12 limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized to fire
13 protection districts under RCW 52.16.140 and 52.16.160 and regional
14 fire protection service authorities under RCW 52.26.140(1) (b) and
15 (c) must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated; (~~and~~)

16 (vii) Seventh, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds
17 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized
18 for fire protection districts under RCW 52.16.130, regional fire
19 protection service authorities under RCW 52.26.140(1)(a), library
20 districts, metropolitan park districts created before January 1,
21 2002, under their first fifty (~~cent[s]~~) cents per thousand dollars
22 of assessed valuation levy, and public hospital districts under their
23 first fifty (~~cent[s]~~) cents per thousand dollars of assessed
24 valuation levy, must be reduced on a pro rata basis or eliminated;
25 and

26 (viii) Eighth, if the consolidated tax levy rate still exceeds
27 these limitations, the certified property tax levy rates authorized
28 for veterans' assistance under RCW 73.08.080(1)(b)(i) must be reduced
29 on a pro rata basis or eliminated.

30 **Sec. 7.** RCW 84.55.005 and 2014 c 97 s 316 are each amended to
31 read as follows:

32 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
33 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

34 (1) "Inflation" means the percentage change in the implicit price
35 deflator for personal consumption expenditures for the United States
36 as published for the most recent twelve-month period by the bureau of
37 economic analysis of the federal department of commerce by September
38 25th of the year before the taxes are payable;

39 (2) "Limit factor" means:

1 (a) For taxing districts with a population of less than ten
2 thousand in the calendar year prior to the assessment year, one
3 hundred one percent;

4 (b) For taxing districts for which a limit factor is authorized
5 under RCW 84.55.0101, the lesser of the limit factor authorized under
6 that section or one hundred one percent;

7 (c) For the veterans' assistance levy under RCW
8 73.08.080(1)(b)(i), the greater of 101 percent or 100 percent plus
9 inflation; and

10 (d) For all other districts, the lesser of one hundred one
11 percent or one hundred percent plus inflation; and

12 (3) "Regular property taxes" has the meaning given it in RCW
13 84.04.140.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** This act applies to taxes levied for
15 collection in 2023 and thereafter.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** Sections 4 and 6 of this act take effect
17 January 1, 2027.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Sections 3 and 5 of this act expire
19 January 1, 2027.

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