
SENATE BILL 6099

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By Senators Rolfes, Nelson, Chase, and Conway; by request of Office of Financial Management

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1 AN ACT Relating to school district levy elections; amending RCW
2 84.52.053; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.52.053 and 2010 c 237 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 through 84.52.056, and
7 84.52.043 shall not prevent the levy of taxes by school districts, when
8 authorized so to do by the voters of such school district in the manner
9 and for the purposes and number of years allowable under Article VII,
10 section 2(a) of the Constitution of this state. Elections for such
11 taxes shall be held in the year in which the levy is made or, in the
12 case of propositions authorizing two-year through four-year levies for
13 maintenance and operation support of a school district, authorizing
14 two-year levies for transportation vehicle funds established in RCW
15 28A.160.130, or authorizing two-year through six-year levies to support
16 the construction, modernization, or remodeling of school facilities,
17 which includes the purposes of RCW 28A.320.330(2) (f) and (g), in the
18 year in which the first annual levy is made.

1 (2) Once additional tax levies have been authorized for maintenance
2 and operation support of a school district for a two-year through four-
3 year period as provided under subsection (1) of this section, no
4 further additional tax levies for maintenance and operation support of
5 the district for that period may be authorized, except for additional
6 levies to provide for subsequently enacted increases affecting the
7 district's levy base or maximum levy percentage, decreases in
8 distributions provided by the federal impact aid law (Title VIII of the
9 federal elementary and secondary education act of 1965), or decreases
10 in local effort assistance allocations provided through chapter 28A.500
11 RCW. For the purpose of applying the limitation of this subsection, a
12 two-year through six-year levy to support the construction,
13 modernization, or remodeling of school facilities shall not be deemed
14 to be a tax levy for maintenance and operation support of a school
15 district.

16 (3) A special election may be called and the time therefor fixed by
17 the board of school directors, by giving notice thereof by publication
18 in the manner provided by law for giving notices of general elections,
19 at which special election the proposition authorizing such excess levy
20 shall be submitted in such form as to enable the voters favoring the
21 proposition to vote "yes" and those opposed thereto to vote "no".

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
24 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
25 immediately.

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