

Referendum Bill No. 46

1 AN ACT Relating to reducing total state levy amounts by 4.7187  
2 percent; amending RCW 84.55.012; adding a new section to chapter 84.55  
3 RCW; creating a new section; providing for submission of a section of  
4 this act to a vote of the people; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.55.012 and 1995 2nd sp.s. c 13 s 2 are each amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The state property tax levy for collection in 1996 shall be  
9 reduced by 4.7187 percent of the levy amount that would otherwise be  
10 allowed under this chapter without regard to this section or any other  
11 tax reduction legislation enacted in 1995.

12 ~~(2) ((The tax reduction provided in this section is in addition to~~  
13 ~~any other tax reduction legislation that may be enacted by the~~  
14 ~~legislature.~~

15 ~~(3))~~ State levies for collection after ~~((1996))~~ 1997 shall be set  
16 at the amount that would be allowed otherwise under this chapter if the  
17 state ~~((levy))~~ levies for collection in 1996 and 1997 had been set  
18 without the reduction under subsection (1) of this section.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 84.55 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        The state property tax levy for collection in 1998 shall be reduced  
4 by 4.7187 percent of the levy amount that would otherwise be allowed  
5 under this chapter without regard to this section.

6        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    Section 1 of this act applies to taxes  
7 levied for collection in 1997.

8        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    Section 1 of this act is necessary for the  
9 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or  
10 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,  
11 and takes effect immediately.

12        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 5.**    The secretary of state shall submit section  
13 2 of this act to the people for their adoption and ratification, or  
14 rejection, at the next general election to be held in this state, in  
15 accordance with Article II, section 1 of the state Constitution and the  
16 laws adopted to facilitate its operation.

      Passed the House January 24, 1997.

      Passed the Senate January 29, 1997.

      Approved by the Governor January 30, 1997.

      Filed in Office of Secretary of State January 30, 1997.