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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2332**

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**State of Washington                      60th Legislature                      2008 Regular Session**

**By House Finance (originally sponsored by Representative Hunter)**

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1            AN ACT Relating to the levies by school districts; amending RCW  
2 84.52.053; and creating a new section.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that school  
5 districts request voter approval for two to four year levies based on  
6 their projected levy capacities at the time that the levies are  
7 submitted to the voters. It is the intent of the legislature to permit  
8 school districts with voter-approved maintenance and operation levies  
9 to seek an additional approval from the voters, if subsequently enacted  
10 legislation would permit a higher levy.

11            **Sec. 2.** RCW 84.52.053 and 2007 c 129 s 3 are each amended to read  
12 as follows:

13            (1) The limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 through 84.52.056, and  
14 84.52.043 shall not prevent the levy of taxes by school districts, when  
15 authorized so to do by the voters of such school district in the manner  
16 and for the purposes and number of years allowable under Article VII,  
17 section 2(a) of the Constitution of this state. Elections for such  
18 taxes shall be held in the year in which the levy is made or, in the

1 case of propositions authorizing two-year through four-year levies for  
2 maintenance and operation support of a school district, authorizing  
3 two-year levies for transportation vehicle funds established in RCW  
4 28A.160.130, or authorizing two-year through six-year levies to support  
5 the construction, modernization, or remodeling of school facilities,  
6 which includes the purposes of RCW 28A.320.330(2)(f), in the year in  
7 which the first annual levy is made.

8 (2) Once additional tax levies have been authorized for maintenance  
9 and operation support of a school district for a two-year through four-  
10 year period as provided under subsection (1) of this section, no  
11 further additional tax levies for maintenance and operation support of  
12 the district for that period may be authorized, except to provide for  
13 subsequently enacted increases in statutory capacity. For the purpose  
14 of applying the limitation of this subsection, a two-year through six-  
15 year levy to support the construction, modernization, or remodeling of  
16 school facilities shall not be deemed to be a tax levy for maintenance  
17 and operation support of a school district.

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

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