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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring school district levy and bond
2 elections to be conducted at primary and general elections; and
3 amending RCW 84.52.053 and 84.52.056.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.52.053 and 1994 c 116 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

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

1 authorized for maintenance and operation support of a school district
2 for a two-year period, no further additional tax levies for maintenance
3 and operation support of the district for that period may be
4 authorized.

5 ~~((A special election may be called and the time therefor fixed by
6 the board of school directors, by giving notice thereof by publication
7 in the manner provided by law for giving notices of general elections,
8 at which special election))~~ The proposition authorizing such excess
9 levy shall be submitted in such form as to enable the voters favoring
10 the proposition to vote "yes" and those opposed thereto to vote "no".

11 The proposition shall clearly list in specific detail the purposes
12 for which the levy proceeds shall be expended, and the proceeds may be
13 expended only for the purposes and in the amounts specified in the
14 proposition.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 84.52.056 and 1973 1st ex.s. c 195 s 104 are each
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Any municipal corporation otherwise authorized by law to issue
18 general obligation bonds for capital purposes may, at an election duly
19 held after giving notice thereof as required by law, authorize the
20 issuance of general obligation bonds for capital purposes only, which
21 shall not include the replacement of equipment, and provide for the
22 payment of the principal and interest of such bonds by annual levies in
23 excess of the tax limitations contained in RCW 84.52.050 to 84.52.056,
24 inclusive and RCW 84.52.043. Such an election shall not be held
25 oftener than twice a calendar year, and the proposition to issue any
26 such bonds and to exceed said tax limitation must receive the
27 affirmative vote of a three-fifths majority of those voting on the
28 proposition and the total number of persons voting at such election
29 must constitute not less than forty percent of the voters in said
30 municipal corporation who voted at the last preceding general state
31 election. Elections for authorizing the issuance of general obligation
32 bonds by school districts for capital purposes shall be held on the
33 state primary or general election day.

34 Propositions for the issuance of bonds by school districts shall
35 clearly list in specific detail the purposes for which the bond
36 proceeds shall be expended, and the proceeds may be expended only for
37 the purposes and in the amounts specified in the proposition.

1 Any taxing district shall have the right by vote of its governing
2 body to refund any general obligation bonds of said district issued for
3 capital purposes only, and to provide for the interest thereon and
4 amortization thereof by annual levies in excess of the tax limitations
5 provided for in RCW 84.52.050 to 84.52.056, inclusive and RCW
6 84.52.043.

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