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SENATE BILL 6781

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By Senators Swecker and Zarelli

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1 AN ACT Relating to property tax levies for schools; and amending  
2 RCW 84.52.067 and 84.52.053.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.52.067 and 1967 ex.s. c 133 s 2 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 All property taxes levied by the state for the support of common  
7 schools shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury as  
8 provided in RCW 84.56.280. Beginning in calendar year 1998, ten  
9 percent of the property taxes collected by the state for the support of  
10 common schools in the previous year shall be distributed to the school  
11 districts in the state to replace any levy for maintenance and  
12 operation that has been approved by the voters under RCW 84.52.053.  
13 This percentage shall increase to twenty percent in 1999, thirty  
14 percent in 2000, forty percent in 2001, fifty percent in 2002, sixty  
15 percent in 2003, seventy percent in 2004, eighty percent in 2005,  
16 ninety percent in 2006, and one hundred percent in 2007 and thereafter.  
17 If insufficient moneys are available to completely replace the levies  
18 of all school districts for maintenance and operation that have been  
19 approved by the voters under RCW 84.52.053, the moneys shall replace

1 the levy for a school district in the proportion that the levy bears to  
2 all maintenance and operation levies that has been approved by the  
3 voters under RCW 84.52.053 for all school districts.

4 **Sec. 2.** RCW 84.52.053 and 1994 c 116 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 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 levies for maintenance and  
13 operation support of a school district, authorizing two-year levies for  
14 transportation vehicle funds established in RCW 28A.160.130, or  
15 authorizing two-year through six-year levies to support the  
16 construction, modernization, or remodeling of school facilities, in the  
17 year in which the first annual levy is made: PROVIDED, That once  
18 additional tax levies have been authorized for maintenance and  
19 operation support of a school district for a two-year period, no  
20 further additional tax levies for maintenance and operation support of  
21 the district for that period may be authorized.

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

28 Any levy for maintenance and operation that has been approved by  
29 the voters under this section shall be reduced in any year by any  
30 distribution to be received under RCW 84.52.067 in that year.

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