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5 On page 2, after line 11, insert the following: "After the effective date of this act, every taxing district б imposing the additional regular property tax levies without a maximum 7 number of years shall provide for a referendum procedure to apply to an 8 ordinance or resolution imposing the tax. This referendum procedure 9 shall specify that a referendum petition may be filed at any time with 10 a filing officer, as identified in the ordinance or resolution. Within 11 12 ten days, the filing officer shall confer with the petitioner 13 concerning form and style of the petition, issue the petition an 14 identification number, and secure an accurate, concise, and positive ballot title from the designated local official. The petitioner shall 15 16 have thirty days in which to secure the signatures of not less than fifteen percent of the registered voters of the taxing district, as of 17 18 the last general election, upon petition forms which contain the ballot title and the full text of the measure to be referred. The filing 19 20 officer shall verify the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition and, if sufficient valid signatures are properly submitted, shall 21 certify the referendum measure to the next election within the taxing 22 district if one is to be held within one hundred eighty days from the 23 24 date of filing of the referendum petition, or at a special election to 25 be called for that purpose in accordance with RCW 29.13.020. 26 This referendum procedure shall be exclusive in all instances for

27 any taxing district imposing the tax under this section and shall 28 supersede the procedures provided under all other statutory or charter 29 provisions for initiative or referendum which might otherwise apply."

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