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1 AN ACT Relating to eliminating the time limit on regular tax levies
2 for medical care and services; amending RCW 84.52.069; and creating a
3 new section.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.52.069 and 1995 c 318 s 9 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 (1) As used in this section, "taxing district" means a county,
8 emergency medical service district, city or town, public hospital
9 district, urban emergency medical service district, or fire protection
10 district.

11 (2) A taxing district may impose additional regular property tax
12 levies in an amount equal to fifty cents or less per thousand dollars
13 of the assessed value of property in the taxing district in each year
14 ~~((for six consecutive years when))~~. The levies may be imposed if, for
15 the initial year of the imposition of the tax, the levies are
16 specifically authorized ((so to do)) by a majority of at least three-
17 fifths of the registered voters thereof approving a proposition
18 authorizing the levies submitted at a general or special election, at
19 which election the number of persons voting "yes" on the proposition

1 shall constitute three-fifths of a number equal to forty percent of the
2 total number of voters voting in such taxing district at the last
3 preceding general election when the number of registered voters voting
4 on the proposition does not exceed forty percent of the total number of
5 voters voting in such taxing district in the last preceding general
6 election; or by a majority of at least three-fifths of the registered
7 voters thereof voting on the proposition when the number of registered
8 voters voting on the proposition exceeds forty percent of the total
9 number of voters voting in such taxing district in the last preceding
10 general election. Ballot propositions shall conform with RCW
11 29.30.111.

12 (3) Any tax imposed under this section shall be used only for the
13 provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services,
14 including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and
15 related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the
16 provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services.

17 (4) If a county levies a tax under this section, no taxing district
18 within the county may levy a tax under this section. No other taxing
19 district may levy a tax under this section if another taxing district
20 has levied a tax under this section within its boundaries: PROVIDED,
21 That if a county levies less than fifty cents per thousand dollars of
22 the assessed value of property, then any other taxing district may levy
23 a tax under this section equal to the difference between the rate of
24 the levy by the county and fifty cents: PROVIDED FURTHER, That if a
25 taxing district within a county levies this tax, and the voters of the
26 county subsequently approve a levying of this tax, then the amount of
27 the taxing district levy within the county shall be reduced, when the
28 combined levies exceed fifty cents. Whenever a tax is levied county-
29 wide, the service shall, insofar as is feasible, be provided throughout
30 the county: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no county-wide levy proposal may be
31 placed on the ballot without the approval of the legislative authority
32 of each city exceeding fifty thousand population within the county:
33 AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That this section and RCW 36.32.480 shall not
34 prohibit any city or town from levying an annual excess levy to fund
35 emergency medical services: AND PROVIDED, FURTHER, That if a county
36 proposes to impose tax levies under this section, no other ballot
37 proposition authorizing tax levies under this section by another taxing
38 district in the county may be placed before the voters at the same
39 election at which the county ballot proposition is placed: AND

1 PROVIDED FURTHER, That any taxing district emergency medical service
2 levy that is authorized subsequent to a county emergency medical
3 service levy, shall expire concurrently with the county emergency
4 medical service levy.

5 (5) The limitations in RCW 84.52.043 shall not apply to the tax
6 levy authorized in this section.

7 (6) The limitation in RCW 84.55.010 shall not apply to the first
8 levy imposed pursuant to this section following the approval of such
9 levy by the voters pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act applies to levies authorized after
11 the effective date of this section.

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