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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2495**

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**By** House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Mulliken, Dunshee, Edwards, Miloscia and Casada)

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1 AN ACT Relating to updating outdated fire district statutes to  
2 increase efficiency; and amending RCW 52.16.160.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 52.16.160 and 1985 c 112 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Notwithstanding the limitation of dollar rates contained in RCW  
7 52.16.130, and in addition to any levy for the payment of the principal  
8 and interest of any outstanding general obligation bonds and in  
9 addition to any levy authorized by RCW 52.16.130, 52.16.140 or any  
10 other statute, (~~if in any county where a township has never been  
11 formed or where there are one or more townships in existence making  
12 annual tax levies and such township or townships are disorganized as a  
13 result of a county-wide disorganization procedure prescribed by statute  
14 and is no longer making any tax levy, or any township or townships for  
15 any other reason no longer makes any tax levy,~~) the board of fire  
16 commissioners of any fire protection district within such county, which  
17 fire protection district has at least one full-time, paid employee, or  
18 contracts with another municipal corporation for the services of at  
19 least one full-time, paid employee, is hereby authorized to levy each

1 year an ad valorem tax on all taxable property within such district of  
2 not to exceed fifty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, which  
3 levy may be made only if it will not affect dollar rates which other  
4 taxing districts may lawfully claim nor cause the combined levies to  
5 exceed the constitutional and/or statutory limitations.

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