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1 AN ACT Relating to a reexamination of the classification of land
2 in flood control districts; amending RCW 86.09.418; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 86.09 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 86.09.418 and 1985 c 396 s 68 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Upon completion of the control works of the district or of any
8 unit thereof, the board of directors of the district may, with the
9 written consent of the county legislative authority of the county
10 within which the major portion of the district is situated, and upon
11 petition signed by landowners representing twenty-five percent of the
12 acreage of the lands in the district or twenty-five percent of the
13 value of the assessments of the district shall, appoint three
14 qualified persons who shall be approved in writing by the county
15 legislative authority, to act as a board of appraisers and who shall
16 reconsider and revise and/or reaffirm the classification and relative
17 percentages, or any part or parts thereof, in the same manner and
18 with the same legal effect as that provided herein for the
19 determination of such matters in the first instance: PROVIDED, That
20 such reexamination shall have no legal effect on any assessments

1 regularly levied prior to the order of appraisal by the reexamining
2 board of appraisers.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 86.09
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Upon completion of the control works of the district or of
6 any unit of the district, when there is any subdivision, short
7 subdivision, parcel segregation or merger, lot-line adjustment, or
8 other change in the land use characteristics of any tract or tracts
9 of land within the boundaries of the district, occurring after
10 completion of the most recent examination or reexamination of the
11 benefit classification of the lands within the boundaries of the
12 district pursuant to RCW 86.09.388 through 86.09.418, the board of
13 directors of the district may, with the written consent of the county
14 legislative authority of the county within which the major portion of
15 the district is situated, and without a landowner petition or
16 formation of a board of appraisers, reconsider and revise and/or
17 reaffirm the classification and relative percentages assigned to such
18 a tract or tracts consistent with the current district
19 classifications and benefit percentages, in the same manner and with
20 the same legal effect as provided for in this chapter for the
21 determination of these matters originally. However, such a
22 reexamination has no legal effect on any assessment regularly levied
23 prior to the order of appraisal by the reexamining board of
24 directors.

25 (2) The reexamination process provided in subsection (1) of this
26 section may occur no more than once per calendar year.

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