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1 AN ACT Relating to modifying the annual regular property tax
2 revenue growth limit; amending RCW 84.55.005; creating a new section;
3 and repealing RCW 84.55.0101.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.55.005 and 2014 c 97 s 316 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
8 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

9 (1) "Inflation" means the ~~((percentage change in the implicit~~
10 ~~price deflator for personal consumption expenditures for the United~~
11 ~~States as published for the most recent twelve-month period by the~~
12 ~~bureau of economic analysis of the federal department of commerce by~~
13 ~~September 25th of the year before the taxes are payable;~~

14 ~~(2) "Limit factor" means:~~

15 ~~(a) For taxing districts with a population of less than ten~~
16 ~~thousand in the calendar year prior to the assessment year, one~~
17 ~~hundred one percent;~~

18 ~~(b) For taxing districts for which a limit factor is authorized~~
19 ~~under RCW 84.55.0101, the lesser of the limit factor authorized under~~
20 ~~that section or one hundred one percent;~~

1 ~~(c) For all other districts, the lesser of one hundred one~~
2 ~~percent or one hundred percent plus inflation; and~~

3 ~~(3)) annual percentage increase in the consumer price index for~~
4 ~~all urban consumers (CPI-U) in the western region for all items as~~
5 ~~provided for the most recent twelve-month period by the bureau of~~
6 ~~labor statistics of the United States department of labor by July~~
7 ~~25th of the year before the taxes are payable.~~

8 (2) "Limit factor" means one hundred percent plus population
9 change and inflation, but not to exceed one hundred three percent.

10 (3) (a) "Population change" means the percent increase in
11 population of a taxing district between the two most recent years
12 provided in the official population estimates published by the office
13 of financial management in April of the year before the taxes are
14 payable. If the office of financial management estimates a net
15 decrease in a taxing district's population, for the purposes of this
16 section, the population change will be zero. The population of a
17 county taxing district means the population within the county's
18 incorporated and unincorporated areas. For taxing districts that are
19 not coterminous with one or more cities, towns, counties, or
20 unincorporated county areas, or any combination thereof, as provided
21 in the official population estimates published by the office of
22 financial management in April of the year before the taxes are
23 payable, "population change" means:

24 (i) The city population change for the city in which the taxing
25 district is wholly located;

26 (ii) The population change for the county in which the taxing
27 district is wholly located; or

28 (iii) For districts located in more than one county, the county
29 population change for the county in which the greatest total taxable
30 assessed value of the taxing district for the prior assessment year
31 is located.

32 (b) For the purposes of this subsection (3), the annual percent
33 increase in population is calculated to the nearest tenth of one
34 percent, rounding up to the next tenth of one percent if the second
35 decimal place of the annual percent increase is five or greater.

36 (4) "Regular property taxes" has the meaning given it in RCW
37 84.04.140.

38 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. RCW 84.55.0101 (Limit factor—Authorization
39 for taxing district to use one hundred one percent or less—Ordinance

1 or resolution) and 2007 sp.s. c 1 s 2 & 1997 c 3 s 204 are each
2 repealed.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act applies to taxes levied for
4 collection in 2018 and thereafter.

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