
SENATE BILL 5894

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By Senator Braun

1 AN ACT Relating to clarifying that the firefighters' pension levy
2 may continue to be levied to fund benefits under the law enforcement
3 officers' and firefighters' retirement system; and amending RCW
4 41.16.060.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.16.060 and 1987 c 319 s 2 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) It (~~shall be~~) is the duty of the legislative authority of
9 each municipality, each year as a part of its annual tax levy, to
10 levy and place in the fund a tax of twenty-two and one-half cents per
11 thousand dollars of assessed value against all the taxable property
12 of such municipality: PROVIDED, That if a report by a qualified
13 actuary on the condition of the fund establishes that the whole or
14 any part of said dollar rate is not necessary to maintain the
15 actuarial soundness of the fund, the levy of said twenty-two and one-
16 half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value may be omitted, or
17 the whole or any part of (~~said~~) such dollar rate may be levied and
18 used for any other municipal purpose.

19 (2) It (~~shall be~~) is the duty of the legislative authority of
20 each municipality, each year as a part of its annual tax levy and in
21 addition to the city levy limit set forth in RCW 84.52.043, to levy

1 and place in the fund an additional tax of twenty-two and one-half
2 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value against all taxable
3 property of such municipality: PROVIDED, That if a report by a
4 qualified actuary establishes that all or any part of the additional
5 twenty-two and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value
6 levy is unnecessary to meet the estimated demands on the fund under
7 this chapter for the ensuing budget year, the levy of said additional
8 twenty-two and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value
9 may be omitted, or the whole or any part of such dollar rate may
10 continue to be levied and used for ((~~any other municipal purpose~~))
11 the funding of benefits provided under RCW 41.26.150(1): PROVIDED
12 FURTHER, That cities that have annexed to library districts according
13 to RCW 27.12.360 through 27.12.395 and/or fire protection districts
14 according to RCW 52.04.061 through 52.04.081 ((~~shall~~)) may not levy
15 this additional tax to the extent that it causes the combined levies
16 to exceed the statutory or constitutional limits.

17 (3) The amount of a levy under this section allocated to the
18 pension fund may be reduced in the same proportion as the regular
19 property tax levy of the municipality is reduced by chapter 84.55
20 RCW.

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