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1 AN ACT Relating to excess school levies; amending RCW 84.52.053;
2 and providing a contingent effective date.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.52.053 and 1987 1st ex.s. c 2 s 103 are each
5 amended to read as follows:

6 The limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 through 84.52.056, and
7 84.52.043 shall not prevent the levy of additional taxes by school
8 districts, when authorized so to do by the electors of such school
9 district in the manner and for the purposes and number of years
10 allowable under Article VII, section 2(a) of the Constitution of this
11 state, as amended by Amendment 79 and as thereafter amended, at a
12 special or general election to be held in the year in which the levy is
13 made or, in the case of a proposition authorizing two-year levies for
14 maintenance and operation support of a school district or authorizing
15 two-year through six-year levies to support the construction,

1 modernization, or remodeling of school facilities, or both, at a
2 special or general election to be held in the year in which the first
3 annual levy is made: PROVIDED, That once additional tax levies have
4 been authorized for maintenance and operation support of a school
5 district for a two year period, no further additional tax levies for
6 maintenance and operation support of the district for that period may
7 be authorized: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That if a school district submits
8 a levy that is an increase over the previous levy and the increased
9 proposition fails to be approved the school districts may levy an
10 amount not greater than the amount levied in the preceding year,
11 without resubmission of a proposition to the people.

12 A special election may be called and the time therefor fixed by the
13 board of school directors, by giving notice thereof by publication in
14 the manner provided by law for giving notices of general elections, at
15 which special election the proposition authorizing such excess levy
16 shall be submitted in such form as to enable the voters favoring the
17 proposition to vote "yes" and those opposed thereto to vote "no".

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act shall take effect on the effective
19 date of H-77/91, if the proposed amendment to Article VII, section 2 of
20 the state Constitution allowing school districts to continue existing
21 excess levies is validly submitted to and is approved and ratified by
22 the voters at a general election held in November 1991. If the
23 proposed amendment is not so approved and ratified, this act is void in
24 its entirety.