

2 **SSB 5751** - H COMM AMD **ADOPTED 4-8-93**  
3 By Committee on Local Government

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 27.12 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9 A rural partial-county library district may be created in a portion  
10 of the unincorporated area of a county as provided in this section if  
11 a rural county library district, intercounty rural library district, or  
12 island library district has not been created in the county and the area  
13 proposed to be included in a rural partial-county library district has  
14 an assessed valuation of at least fifty million dollars.

15 The procedure to create a rural partial-county library district is  
16 initiated by the filing of petitions with the county auditor proposing  
17 the creation of the district that have been signed by at least ten  
18 percent of the registered voters residing in the area proposed to be  
19 included in the rural partial-county library district. The county  
20 auditor shall review the petitions and certify the sufficiency or  
21 insufficiency of the signatures to the county legislative authority.

22 If the petitions are certified as having sufficient valid  
23 signatures, the county legislative authority shall hold a public  
24 hearing on the proposed rural partial-county library district, may  
25 adjust the boundaries of the proposed district, and may cause a ballot  
26 proposition to be submitted to the voters of the proposed rural  
27 partial-county library district authorizing its creation if the county  
28 legislative authority finds that the creation of the rural partial-  
29 county library district is in the public interest. A subsequent public  
30 hearing shall be held if additional territory is added to the proposed  
31 rural partial-county library district by action of the county  
32 legislative authority.

33 The rural partial-county library district shall be created if the  
34 ballot proposition authorizing the creation of the district is approved  
35 by a simple majority vote of the voters voting on the proposition.  
36 Immediately after creation of the rural partial-county library district

1 the county legislative authority shall appoint a board of library  
2 trustees for the district as provided under RCW 27.12.190.

3 Except as provided in this section, a rural partial-county library  
4 district is subject to all the provisions of law applicable to a rural  
5 county library district and shall have all the powers, duties, and  
6 authorities of a rural county library district, including, but not  
7 limited to, the authority to impose property taxes, incur debt, and  
8 annex a city or town with a population of less than one hundred  
9 thousand at the time of the annexation that is located in the same  
10 county as the rural partial-county library district.

11 Adjacent unincorporated territory in the county may be annexed to  
12 a rural partial-county library district in the same manner as territory  
13 is annexed to a sewer district, except that an annexation is not  
14 subject to potential review by a boundary review board.

15 If a ballot proposition is approved creating a rural county library  
16 district in the county, every rural partial-county library district in  
17 that county shall be dissolved and its assets and liabilities  
18 transferred to the rural county library district. Where a rural  
19 partial-county library district has annexed a city or town, the voters  
20 of the city or town shall be allowed to vote on the proposed creation  
21 of a rural county library district and, if created, the rural county  
22 library district shall include each city and town that was annexed to  
23 the rural partial-county library district.

24 Nothing in this section authorizes the consolidation of a rural  
25 partial-county library district with any rural county library district;  
26 island library district; city, county, or regional library; intercounty  
27 library district; or other rural partial-county library district,  
28 unless, in addition to any other requirements imposed by statute, the  
29 boards of all library districts involved approve the consolidation.

30 **Sec. 2.** RCW 27.12.010 and 1982 c 123 s 1 are each amended to read  
31 as follows:

32 As used in this chapter (~~and chapter 27.08 RCW~~), unless the  
33 context requires a different meaning:

34 (1) "Governmental unit" means any county, city, town, rural county  
35 library district, intercounty rural library district, rural partial-  
36 county library district, or island library district;

37 (2) "Legislative body" means the body authorized to determine the  
38 amount of taxes to be levied in a governmental unit; in rural county

1 library districts, in intercounty rural library districts, and in  
2 island library districts, the legislative body shall be the board of  
3 library trustees of the district;

4 (3) "Library" means a free public library supported in whole or in  
5 part with money derived from taxation; (~~and~~)

6 (4) "Regional library" means a free public library maintained by  
7 two or more counties or other governmental units as provided in RCW  
8 27.12.080; (~~and~~)

9 (5) "Rural county library district" means a library serving all the  
10 area of a county not included within the area of incorporated cities  
11 and towns: PROVIDED, That any city or town with a population of one  
12 hundred thousand or less at the time of annexation may be included  
13 therein as provided in RCW 27.12.360 through 27.12.390; (~~and~~)

14 (6) "Intercounty rural library district" means a municipal  
15 corporation organized to provide library service for all areas outside  
16 of incorporated cities and towns within two or more counties:  
17 PROVIDED, That any city or town with a population of one hundred  
18 thousand or less at the time of annexation may be included therein as  
19 provided in RCW 27.12.360 through 27.12.390; (~~and~~)

20 (7) "Island library district" means a municipal corporation  
21 organized to provide library service for all areas outside of  
22 incorporated cities and towns on a single island only, and not all of  
23 the area of the county, in counties composed entirely of islands and  
24 having a population of less than twenty-five thousand at the time the  
25 island library district was created: PROVIDED, That any city or town  
26 with a population of one hundred thousand or less at the time of  
27 annexation may be included therein as provided in RCW 27.12.360 through  
28 27.12.390; and

29 (8) "Rural partial-county library district" means a municipal  
30 corporation organized to provide library service for a portion of the  
31 unincorporated area of a county that has an assessed valuation of at  
32 least fifty million dollars. Any city or town located in the same  
33 county as a rural partial-county library district may annex to the  
34 district if the city or town has a population of one hundred thousand  
35 or less at the time of annexation.

36 **Sec. 3.** RCW 27.12.070 and 1984 c 186 s 7 are each amended to read  
37 as follows:

1       The county treasurer of the county in which any rural county  
2 library district or rural partial-county library district is created  
3 shall receive and disburse all district revenues and collect all taxes  
4 levied under this chapter.

5       **Sec. 4.** RCW 84.52.052 and 1991 c 138 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7       The limitations imposed by RCW 84.52.050 through 84.52.056, and RCW  
8 84.52.043 shall not prevent the levy of additional taxes by any taxing  
9 district except school districts in which a larger levy is necessary in  
10 order to prevent the impairment of the obligation of contracts. As  
11 used in this section, the term "taxing district" means any county,  
12 metropolitan park district, park and recreation service area, park and  
13 recreation district, sewer district, water district, solid waste  
14 disposal district, public facilities district, flood control zone  
15 district, county rail district, service district, public hospital  
16 district, road district, rural county library district, island library  
17 district, rural partial-county library district, intercounty rural  
18 library district, fire protection district, cemetery district, city,  
19 town, transportation benefit district, emergency medical service  
20 district with a population density of less than one thousand per square  
21 mile, or cultural arts, stadium, and convention district.

22       Any such taxing district may levy taxes at a rate in excess of the  
23 rate specified in RCW 84.52.050 through 84.52.056 and 84.52.043, or RCW  
24 84.55.010 through 84.55.050, when authorized so to do by the voters of  
25 such taxing district in the manner set forth in Article VII, section  
26 2(a) of the Constitution of this state, as amended by Amendment 64 and  
27 as thereafter amended, at a special or general election to be held in  
28 the year in which the levy is made.

29       A special election may be called and the time therefor fixed by the  
30 county legislative authority, or council, board of commissioners, or  
31 other governing body of any such taxing district, by giving notice  
32 thereof by publication in the manner provided by law for giving notices  
33 of general elections, at which special election the proposition  
34 authorizing such excess levy shall be submitted in such form as to  
35 enable the voters favoring the proposition to vote "yes" and those  
36 opposed thereto to vote "no."

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