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HOUSE BILL 2204

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By Representatives Campbell, Casada and Dorn

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1            AN ACT Relating to water districts; and amending RCW 57.04.050.

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

3            **Sec. 1.** RCW 57.04.050 and 1990 c 259 s 28 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5            Upon entry of the findings of the final hearing on the petition if  
6 one or more county legislative authorities find that the proposed  
7 district will be conducive to the public health, welfare, and  
8 convenience and be of special benefit to the land therein, they shall  
9 call a special election by presenting a resolution to the county  
10 auditor at least forty-five days prior to the proposed election date.  
11 A special election will be held on a date decided by the commissioners  
12 in accordance with RCW 29.13.010 and 29.13.020. The commissioners  
13 shall cause to be published a notice of the election for four  
14 successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the proposed  
15 district, which notice shall state the hours during which the polls  
16 will be open, the boundaries of the district as finally adopted and the  
17 object of the election, and the notice shall also be posted for ten  
18 days in ten public places in the proposed district. In submitting the

1 proposition to the voters, it shall be expressed on the ballots in the  
2 following terms:

3 Water District . . . . . YES 1  
4 Water District . . . . . NO 1

5 giving the name of the district as provided in the petition.

6 At the same election a proposition shall be submitted to the  
7 voters, for their approval or rejection, authorizing the water  
8 district, if formed, to levy at the earliest time permitted by law on  
9 all property located in the district a general tax for one year, in  
10 excess of the limitations provided by law, in the amount specified in  
11 the petition to create the district, not to exceed one dollar and  
12 twenty-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, for general  
13 preliminary expenses of the district, the proposition to be expressed  
14 on the ballots in the following terms:

15 One year . . . . . dollars and . . . . . cents per  
16 thousand dollars of assessed value tax . . . . . YES 1  
17 One year . . . . . dollars and . . . . . cents per  
18 thousand dollars of assessed value tax . . . . . NO 1

19 If the preliminary tax cannot be levied within a twelve-month period,  
20 the legislative authority may call another election for general  
21 preliminary expenses of the district within a two-year period. Such  
22 proposition to be effective must be approved by a majority of at least  
23 three-fifths of the registered voters thereof voting on the proposition  
24 in the manner set forth in Article VII, section 2(a) of the  
25 Constitution of this state, as amended by Amendment 59 and as  
26 thereafter amended.

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