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1 AN ACT Relating to nonvoter-approved municipal indebtedness; and
2 amending RCW 39.36.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 39.36.020 and 1993 c 240 s 12 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided by law or in subsections
7 (2), (3) and (4) of this section, no taxing district shall for any
8 purpose become indebted in any manner to an amount exceeding
9 three-eighths of one percent of the value of the taxable property in
10 such taxing district without the assent of three-fifths of the voters
11 therein voting at an election to be held for that purpose, nor in cases
12 requiring such assent shall the total indebtedness incurred at any time
13 exceed one and one-fourth percent on the value of the taxable property
14 therein.

15 (2)(a)(i) Counties(~~(, cities, towns,)~~) and public hospital
16 districts are limited to an indebtedness amount not exceeding three-
17 fourths of one percent of the value of the taxable property in such
18 counties(~~(, cities, towns,)~~) or public hospital districts without the

1 assent of three-fifths of the voters therein voting at an election held
2 for that purpose.

3 (ii) Cities and towns are limited to an indebtedness amount not
4 exceeding one and one-half percent of the value of the taxable property
5 in such cities or towns without the assent of three-fifths of the
6 voters therein voting at an election held for that purpose.

7 (b) In cases requiring such assent counties, cities, towns, and
8 public hospital districts are limited to a total indebtedness of two
9 and one-half percent of the value of the taxable property therein.
10 However, any county that has assumed the rights, powers, functions, and
11 obligations of a metropolitan municipal corporation under chapter 36.56
12 RCW may become indebted to a larger amount for its authorized
13 metropolitan functions, as provided under chapter 35.58 RCW, but not
14 exceeding an additional three-fourths of one percent of the value of
15 the taxable property in the county without the assent of three-fifths
16 of the voters therein voting at an election held for that purpose, and
17 in cases requiring such assent not exceeding an additional two and one-
18 half percent of the value of the taxable property in the county.

19 (3) School districts are limited to an indebtedness amount not
20 exceeding three-eighths of one percent of the value of the taxable
21 property in such district without the assent of three-fifths of the
22 voters therein voting at an election held for that purpose. In cases
23 requiring such assent school districts are limited to a total
24 indebtedness of two and one-half percent of the value of the taxable
25 property therein.

26 (4) No part of the indebtedness allowed in this chapter shall be
27 incurred for any purpose other than strictly county, city, town, school
28 district, township, port district, metropolitan park district, or other
29 municipal purposes: PROVIDED, That a city or town, with such assent,
30 may become indebted to a larger amount, but not exceeding two and one-
31 half percent additional, determined as herein provided, for supplying
32 such city or town with water, artificial light, and sewers, when the
33 works for supplying such water, light, and sewers shall be owned and
34 controlled by the city or town; and a city or town, with such assent,
35 may become indebted to a larger amount, but not exceeding two and one-
36 half percent additional for acquiring or developing open space and park
37 facilities: PROVIDED FURTHER, That any school district may become
38 indebted to a larger amount but not exceeding two and one-half percent
39 additional for capital outlays.

1 (5) Such indebtedness may be authorized in any total amount in one
2 or more propositions and the amount of such authorization may exceed
3 the amount of indebtedness which could then lawfully be incurred. Such
4 indebtedness may be incurred in one or more series of bonds from time
5 to time out of such authorization but at no time shall the total
6 general indebtedness of any taxing district exceed the above
7 limitation.

8 The term "value of the taxable property" as used in this section
9 shall have the meaning set forth in RCW 39.36.015.

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