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- 1 AN ACT Relating to school district levies; and amending RCW 2 84.52.053.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.52.053 and 1997 c 260 s 1 are each amended to read 5 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 taxes by school districts, when
- 8 authorized so to do by the voters of such school district in the manner
- 9 and for the purposes and number of years allowable under Article VII,
- 10 section 2(a) of the Constitution of this state. Whenever such school
- 11 <u>district levies result in an aggregate to exceed one percent of true</u>
- 12 and fair value, consistent with RCW 84.52.050, such school levies may
- 13 only be approved in the manner set forth in the Constitution with a
- 14 three-fifths voter approval. Whenever such school district levies
- 15 result in an aggregate less than one percent of true and fair value,
- 16 such levies may be approved by a simple majority of those voting in
- 17 such election. Elections for such taxes shall be held in the year in
- 18 which the levy is made or, in the case of propositions authorizing two-
- 19 year through four-year levies for maintenance and operation support of

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a school district, authorizing two-year levies for transportation 1 vehicle funds established in RCW 28A.160.130, or authorizing two-year 2 through six-year levies to support the construction, modernization, or 3 4 remodeling of school facilities, in the year in which the first annual levy is made: PROVIDED, That once additional tax levies have been 5 authorized for maintenance and operation support of a school district 6 for a two-year through four-year period, no further additional tax 7 8 levies for maintenance and operation support of the district for that 9 period may be authorized.

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

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