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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting property tax increases to one percent  
2 by reenacting the provisions of Initiative Measure No. 747; reenacting  
3 RCW 84.55.005 and 84.55.0101; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.55.005 and 2002 c 1 s 2 are each reenacted to read  
6 as follows:

7 As used in this chapter:

8 (1) "Inflation" means the percentage change in the implicit price  
9 deflator for personal consumption expenditures for the United States as  
10 published for the most recent twelve-month period by the bureau of  
11 economic analysis of the federal department of commerce in September of  
12 the year before the taxes are payable;

13 (2) "Limit factor" means:

14 (a) For taxing districts with a population of less than ten  
15 thousand in the calendar year prior to the assessment year, one hundred  
16 one percent;

17 (b) For taxing districts for which a limit factor is authorized  
18 under RCW 84.55.0101, the lesser of the limit factor under that section  
19 or one hundred one percent;

1 (c) For all other districts, the lesser of one hundred one percent  
2 or one hundred percent plus inflation; and

3 (3) "Regular property taxes" has the meaning given it in RCW  
4 84.04.140.

5 **Sec. 2.** RCW 84.55.0101 and 2002 c 1 s 3 are each reenacted to read  
6 as follows:

7 Upon a finding of substantial need, the legislative authority of a  
8 taxing district other than the state may provide for the use of a limit  
9 factor under this chapter of one hundred one percent or less unless an  
10 increase greater than this limit is approved by the voters at an  
11 election as provided in RCW 84.55.050. In districts with legislative  
12 authorities of four members or less, two-thirds of the members must  
13 approve an ordinance or resolution under this section. In districts  
14 with more than four members, a majority plus one vote must approve an  
15 ordinance or resolution under this section. The new limit factor shall  
16 be effective for taxes collected in the following year only.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
19 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
20 immediately.

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