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HOUSE BILL 2418

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By Representative Orcutt

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1            AN ACT Relating to a voter approval requirement for the use of  
2 banked property tax levy capacity; amending RCW 84.55.092; and  
3 declaring an emergency.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 84.55.092 and 1998 c 16 s 3 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) The regular property tax levy for each taxing district other  
8 than the state may be set at the amount which would be allowed  
9 otherwise under this chapter if the regular property tax levy for the  
10 district for taxes due in prior years beginning with 1986 had been set  
11 at the full amount allowed under this chapter including any levy  
12 authorized under RCW 52.16.160 that would have been imposed but for the  
13 limitation in RCW 52.18.065, applicable upon imposition of the benefit  
14 charge under chapter 52.18 RCW. To set a regular property tax levy at  
15 an amount authorized under this section, a taxing district shall submit  
16 an authorizing proposition to the voters for approval by a majority of  
17 the voters of the taxing district voting on the proposition. The  
18 proposition shall be voted on at an election held not more than twelve

1 months prior to the date in which the proposed regular property tax is  
2 to be levied.

3 (2) The purpose of this section is to remove the incentive for a  
4 taxing district to maintain its tax levy at the maximum level permitted  
5 under this chapter, and to protect the future levy capacity of a taxing  
6 district that reduces its tax levy below the level that it otherwise  
7 could impose under this chapter, by removing the adverse consequences  
8 to future levy capacities resulting from such levy reductions.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
10 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
11 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
12 immediately.

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