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**ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5272**

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**State of Washington 66th Legislature 2019 Regular Session**

**By** Senate Local Government (originally sponsored by Senator Hunt)

AN ACT Relating to increasing the maximum tax rate for the voter-approved local sales and use tax for emergency communication systems and facilities; and amending RCW 82.14.420.

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

**Sec.**  RCW 82.14.420 and 2002 c 176 s 1 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) A county legislative authority may submit an authorizing proposition to the county voters, and if the proposition is approved by a majority of persons voting, fix and impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of this chapter for the purposes designated in subsection (3) of this section.

(2) The tax authorized in this section ((~~shall be~~)) is in addition to any other taxes authorized by law and ((~~shall~~)) must be collected from those persons who are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the county. The rate of tax ((~~shall equal one-tenth~~)) may not exceed two-tenths of one percent of the selling price in the case of sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of a use tax.

(3) Moneys received from any tax imposed under this section ((~~shall~~)) must be used solely for the purpose of providing funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, reequipping, and improvement of emergency communication systems and facilities.

(4) Counties are authorized to develop joint ventures to collocate emergency communication systems and facilities.

(5) Prior to submitting the tax authorization in subsection (2) of this section to the voters in a county that provides emergency communication services to a governmental agency pursuant to a contract, the parties to the contract ((~~shall~~)) must review and negotiate or affirm the terms of the contract.

(6) Prior to submitting the tax authorized in subsection (2) of this section to the voters, a county with a population of more than one million five hundred thousand in which any city over fifty thousand operates emergency communication systems and facilities ((~~shall~~)) either independently or as a member of a regional emergency communication agency must enter into an interlocal agreement with the city to determine distribution of the revenue provided in this section.

(7) Prior to submitting the tax authorized in subsection (2) of this section to the voters, a county with a population of more than five hundred thousand but less than one million five hundred thousand in which any city over fifty thousand operates emergency communication systems and facilities must enter into an interlocal agreement with the city to determine distribution of the revenue provided in this section.

(8) A county imposing the tax authorized under this section on the effective date of this section must submit an authorizing proposition to the voters as provided under this section to increase the rate of tax.

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