

CHAPTER 133.

[House Bill No. 979.]

PROPERTY TAX—LEVIES FOR SUPPORT OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; creating new sections; amending section 84.52.050, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 143, Laws of 1961 and RCW 84.52.050; and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

Property tax—  
Levies for support of common schools, 1967, 1968.

Section 1. In each of the years 1967 and 1968 the state shall levy for collection in 1968 and 1969 respectively for the support of common schools of the state a tax of two mills upon the assessed valuation of all taxable property within the state adjusted to fifty percent of true and fair value of such property in money in accordance with the ratio fixed by the state department of revenue. Such levy shall be in addition to the levy of two mills for public assistance purposes as provided in RCW 74.04.150.

Disposition of proceeds.

Sec. 2. All property taxes levied by the state for the support of common schools shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury as provided in RCW 84.56.280.

RCW 84.52.050 amended.

Sec. 3. Section 84.52.050, chapter 15, Laws of 1961 as amended by section 1, chapter 143, Laws of 1961 and RCW 84.52.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Limitation on taxation—  
Allocation of millage.

Except as hereinafter provided, the aggregate of all tax levies upon real and personal property by the state, municipal corporations, taxing districts and governmental agencies, now existing or hereafter created, shall not in any year exceed forty mills on the dollar of assessed valuation, which assessed valuation shall be fifty percent of the true and fair value of such property in money; and within and subject to the aforesaid limitation the levy by the

state shall not exceed two mills to be used exclusively for the public assistance program of the state; the levy by any county shall not exceed eight mills; the levy by or for any school district shall not exceed fourteen mills: *Provided*, That, in each of the years 1967 and 1968 the state shall levy a property tax of four mills of which two mills shall be used exclusively for the public assistance program of the state and of which two mills shall be used exclusively for the support of the common schools; and in such years in which the state shall validly levy a property tax of two mills for the support of the common schools, the levy by or for any school district shall not exceed twelve mills: *Provided further*, That the levy by or for any union high school district shall not exceed two-fifths of the maximum levy permissible for any school district without a vote of the electors thereof and the levy by or for any component district within a union high school district shall not exceed three-fifths of the maximum levy permissible for any school district without a vote of the electors thereof: *Provided further*, That the levy against any nonhigh school district for the high school district fund shall not exceed two-fifths of the maximum levy permissible for any school district without a vote of the electors thereof and the levy by or for any such nonhigh school district shall not exceed the balance of such maximum permissible levy; the levy for any road district shall not exceed ten mills; and the levy by or for any city or town shall not exceed fifteen mills: *Provided further*, That counties of the fifth class and under are hereby authorized to levy from eight to eleven mills for general county purposes and from seven to ten mills for county road purposes if the total levy for both purposes does not exceed eighteen mills: *Provided further*, That counties of the fourth and the ninth class are hereby authorized to

levy nine mills until such time as the junior taxing agencies are utilizing all the millage available to them.

Nothing herein shall prevent levies at the rates provided by existing law by or for any port or power district.

Emergency.

Sec. 4. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House April 27, 1967.

Passed the Senate April 27, 1967.

Approved by the Governor May 10, 1967.

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CHAPTER 134.

[Engrossed House Bill No. 8.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

AN ACT relating to the legislative council; amending section 2, chapter 36, Laws of 1947, as amended by section 1, chapter 206, Laws of 1955 and RCW 44.24.020; amending section 3, chapter 36, Laws of 1947 and RCW 44.24.030; amending section 4, chapter 36, Laws of 1947 and RCW 44.24.040; amending section 6, chapter 36, Laws of 1947, as last amended by section 2, chapter 206, Laws of 1955 and RCW 44.24.060; and amending section 7, chapter 36, Laws of 1947, as amended by section 3, chapter 206, Laws of 1955 and RCW 44.24.070; and amending section 1, chapter 36, Laws of 1947, as amended by section 1, chapter 148, Laws of 1965 extraordinary session and RCW 44.24.010.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

RCW 44.24.020 amended.

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 36, Laws of 1947, as amended by section 1, chapter 206, Laws of 1955, and RCW 44.24.020 are each amended to read as follows: