
SENATE BILL 6115

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By Senator Chase

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1 AN ACT Relating to limiting tax imposed by a city or town on a
2 water distribution business, a sewerage system business, or water and
3 sewerage system business; and adding a new section to chapter 35.21
4 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) No city or town may impose a tax on the privilege of
9 conducting a water distribution business, a sewerage system business,
10 or water and sewerage system business at a rate that exceeds six
11 percent unless the rate is first approved by a majority of the voters
12 of the city or town voting on such a proposition.

13 (2)(a) If a city or town is imposing a rate of tax under
14 subsection (1) of this section in excess of six percent on the
15 effective date of this section, the city or town must decrease the
16 rate to a rate of six percent or less by reducing the rate each year
17 on or before November 1st by ordinances to be effective on January
18 1st of the succeeding year, by an amount equal to one-tenth the
19 difference between the tax rate on the effective date of this section
20 and six percent.

1 (b) Nothing in this subsection prohibits a city or town from
2 reducing its rates by amounts greater than the amounts required in
3 this section.

4 (3) Voter-approved rate increases under subsection (1) of this
5 section may not be included in the computations under subsection (2)
6 of this section.

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