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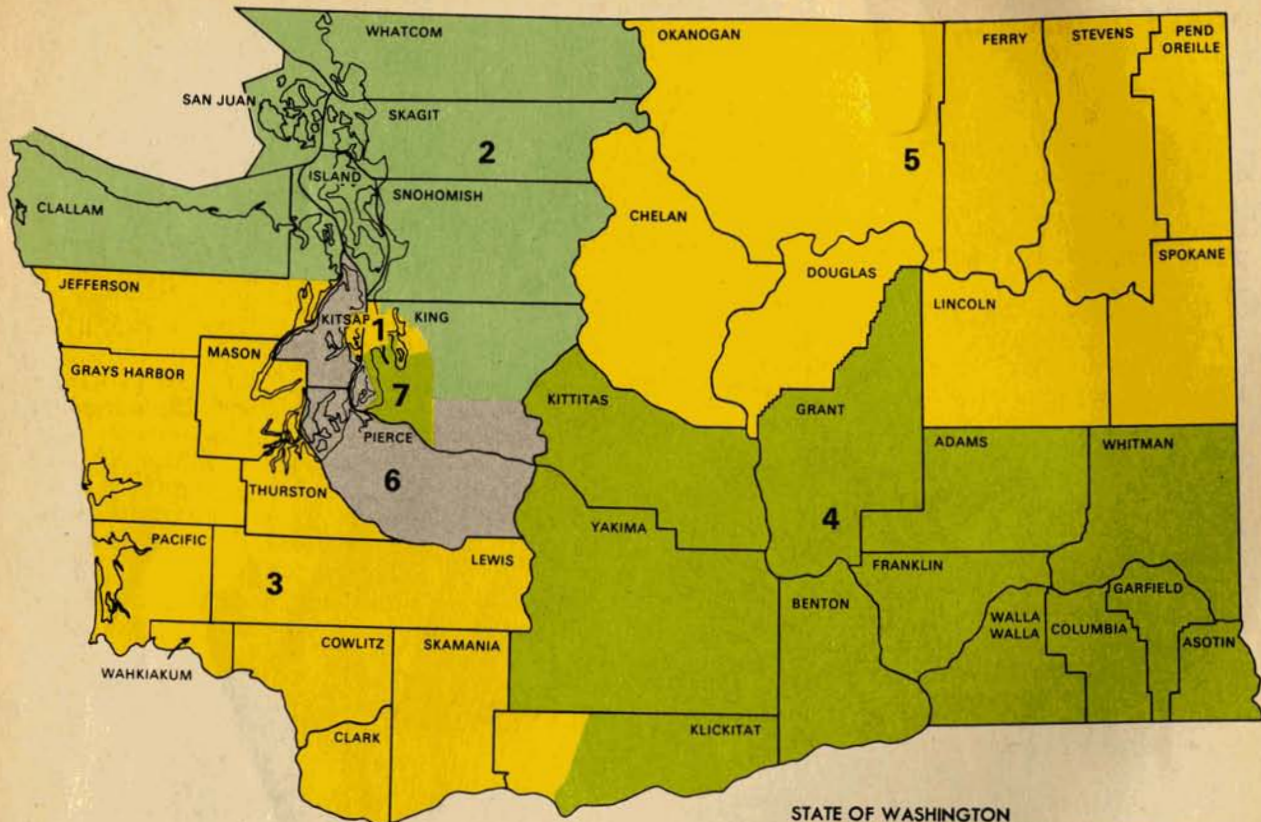
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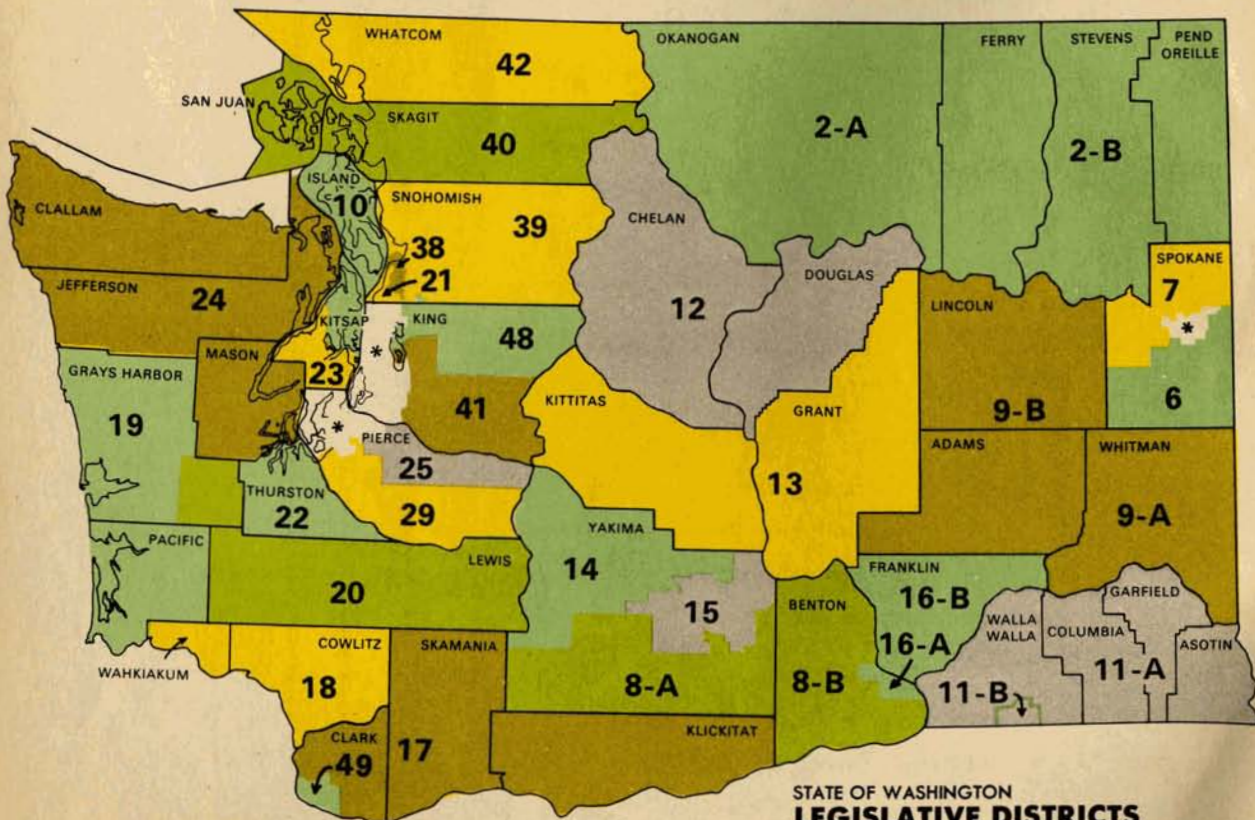
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As your Secretary of State, one of my duties prescribed by law is to prepare this 1970 edition of the official Voter's Pamphlet containing the official ballot titles, full explanations, and complete text of the 8 state measures to be voted upon at the November 3, 1970 state general election.

Of these 8 measures, 2 are initiative measures (initiated directly by the people), 4 are legislative referendum bills (measures passed by the legislature, but referred by it to the people for decision), and 2 proposed constitutional amendments which must first be passed by at least two-thirds approval of the members of each branch of the legislature, then referred to the voters for final decision.

The official ballot titles and explanations have been prepared by the Attorney General as required by law. The statements for and against have been prepared by committees appointed under a procedure established by law. This office has no authority to evaluate their truth or accuracy.

I sincerely hope that this pamphlet will be helpful to you as you make the important decisions facing every voter on November 3. Extra copies may be obtained at the offices of city clerks, county auditors, public libraries or directly from the Election Division, office of the Secretary of State.

CERTIFICATION

As Secretary of State of the State of Washington, I hereby certify that I have caused the text of all laws, proposed measures, ballot titles, official explanations, etc. that appear within this publication to be carefully compared with the original such instruments now on file in my office and find them to be a full and true copy of said originals.

Witness my hand and the seal of the State of Washington this 21st day of September, 1970.



A. LUDLOW KRAMER
Secretary of State

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INITIATIVE MEASURE 251

Official ballot title:*

STATE TAXATION— TO REGULATE IMPOSITION

An initiative declaring that existing taxes imposed by the state of Washington shall not be increased and that no new or additional taxes shall be imposed by the state of Washington.

*Ballot Title as issued by the Attorney General.

Statement **FOR**

Highest taxes in history are coming!

Experts say state taxes could go up 400% by 1975. #251 can stop that NOW. The alternative is unlimited taxes for unlimited spending by unlimited government paid for by YOU—the unlimited taxpayer.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ARE NOT AFFECTED. #251 limits state revenue producing tax rates and prohibits imposing new taxes.

Government must learn to live on its income, just as you and I!

The present percentage rates for state taxes are enough! State revenue grows with prosperity and population. #251 will not reduce state revenue, nor reduce existing state services. The legislature can determine priorities for needed tax spending.

Stop waste of tax dollars!

Limiting state taxes will force efficiency and economy and bring any new taxes (including real estate) back to the local level, where you can vote and directly control how your tax dollars are spent.

Limit Taxes—Vote for #251

42¢ of every dollar YOU earn goes for taxes! Everything YOU earn from January 1 to June 3 goes for taxes. YOU pay 151 hidden taxes on a loaf of bread. Only people pay

taxes! Every tax increase causes more inflation.

Limit Taxes—Vote for #251

"The power to tax is the power to destroy." History proves excessive taxation will destroy private ownership of property and YOUR right to own or keep anything.

Do not be confused!

#251 is constitutional! No taxes are "suspended." The constitution provides the real estate 40 mill tax limit, which began as an initiative. The legislature limited real estate taxes at 22 mills—1970, 21 mills—1971.

Art. II, Sec. I, Washington State Constitution says the people reserve the full right and power to propose and enact laws at the polls "independent of the legislature." "(a) the first power reserved by the people is the initiative."

USE YOUR RIGHT TO LEGISLATE!
LIMIT TAXES! VOTE FOR #251. Detailed information: P.O. Box 1576, Bellevue, Wash. 98009. Tel. (206) 454-3262.

Committee appointed to compose statement **FOR** Initiative Measure No. 251:

VICK GOULD, Sponsor and Committee Chairman, Bellevue; SAM GUESS, State Senator, Spokane; JOHN M. FLUKE, President, John Fluke Manufacturing Co., Inc., Seattle.

Advisory Committee: CARLTON GLADDER, State Representative, Spokane; PALMER G. LEWIS, Board Chairman, Palmer G. Lewis Co., Inc., Seattle; S. J. AGNEW, Owner, Agnew Lumber Co., Centralia; LAURENCE MELLERGAARD, Cattleman, Ellensburg; MRS. VESTA CUTTING, Employment Consultant, Seattle.

The Law as it now exists:

The state's power of taxation, as provided for in the state constitution, is limited only by provisions contained in the state and federal constitutions; for example, the 40 mill limit and the requirement of uniformity for property taxes, as set forth in the state constitution, and the equal protection clause of the federal constitution. Furthermore, Article VII, § 1 of the state constitution provides: "The power of taxation shall never be suspended, surrendered, or contracted away."

This initiative, without an amendment to the constitution, proposes to establish additional limitations on the state's taxing power. If approved by the voters, and upheld as constitutional by the court, it would prohibit the legislature from enacting any increases in the rates of present state taxes or from enacting any new state taxes. However, the legislature would remain free to authorize new local taxes and increases in existing local taxes, including the property and sales tax.

Note: Complete text of Initiative Measure No. 251 appears on page 22.

Statement **AGAINST**

Local Property Taxes Could Be Increased

The principal argument against Initiative 251 can be summarized in one sentence. *With a freeze on all forms of taxes levied by the state, the burden for any additional support of government programs would be shifted to the local property tax SINCE THE PROPERTY TAX IS A LOCAL TAX AND WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS PROPOSED IN INITIATIVE 251.*

Impairs State Programs

Initiative 251 would seriously impair a large number of desirable and essential state programs. *For example:* any future Veteran's Bonus (because, in all likelihood, cigarette tax revenues which presently support this program would be diverted to the State's general fund); any additional support of mental health and mental retardation programs, including community programs presently supported by state funds; any additional support for state universities, colleges and community colleges; and any additional assistance to local governments. All of these vital functions of state government would be greatly restricted.

Non-Constructive Legislation

Initiative 251 is not a constructive approach to the limitation of state spending, nor does it prevent overall government spending—

simply because it does not place any limitation at all on local property taxes. And it means that, no matter how desperately they are needed, no new state programs of any kind can be initiated in the State of Washington. Initiative 251, unlike HJR 42—the tax reform issue—does not offer an alternative solution and does not offer constitutional limitation on local property taxes.

*Committee appointed to compose statement **AGAINST** Initiative Measure No. 251:*

FRANCIS E. HOLMAN, State Senator, 1st Leg. Dist., Seattle; ROBERT L. CHARETTE, State Representative, 19th Leg. Dist., Aberdeen; A. J. "BUD" PARDINI, State Representative, 6th Leg. Dist., Spokane.

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