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TITLE 5. LOCAL AGENCIES [50001 - 57607] (Title 5 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81.)

DIVISION 1. CITIES AND COUNTIES [50001 - 52203] (Division 1 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81.)

PART 1. POWERS AND DUTIES COMMON TO CITIES AND COUNTIES [50001 - 51298.5] (Part 1 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81.)

CHAPTER 1. General [50001 - 50290] (Chapter 1 added by Stats. 1949, Ch. 81.)

ARTICLE 3.5. Voter-Approved Special Taxes [50075 - 50077.5] (Article 3.5 added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 903.)

50075. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide all cities, counties, and districts with the authority to impose special taxes, pursuant to the provisions of Article XIII A of the California Constitution.

(Amended by Stats. 1980, Ch. 672.)

50075.1. On or after January 1, 2001, any local special tax measure that is subject to voter approval that would provide for the imposition of a special tax by a local agency shall provide accountability measures that include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

- (a) A statement indicating the specific purposes of the special tax.
- (b) A requirement that the proceeds be applied only to the specific purposes identified pursuant to subdivision (a).
- (c) The creation of an account into which the proceeds shall be deposited.
- (d) An annual report pursuant to Section 50075.3.

(Added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 535, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 2001.)

50075.3. The chief fiscal officer of the levying local agency shall file a report with its governing body no later than January 1, 2002, and at least once a year thereafter. The annual report shall contain both of the following:

- (a) The amount of funds collected and expended.
- (b) The status of any project required or authorized to be funded as identified in subdivision (a) of Section 50075.1.

(Added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 535, Sec. 3. Effective January 1, 2001.)

50075.5. As used in this article:

- (a) "Local agency" means any county, city, city and county, including a charter city or county, or any special district.
- (b) "Special district" means an agency of the state, formed pursuant to general law or a special act, for the performance of governmental or proprietary functions, with limited geographic boundaries, including, but not limited to, a school district and a community college district.

(Added by Stats. 2000, Ch. 535, Sec. 4. Effective January 1, 2001.)

50076. As used in this article, "special tax" shall not include any fee which does not exceed the reasonable cost of providing the service or regulatory activity for which the fee is charged and which is not levied for general revenue purposes.

(Added by Stats. 1979, Ch. 903.)

50077. (a) Except as provided in Section 7282 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the legislative body of any city, county, or district may, following notice and public hearing, propose by ordinance or resolution the adoption of a special tax. The ordinance or resolution shall include the type of tax and rate of tax to be levied, the method of collection, and the date upon which an election shall be held to approve the levy of the tax. The proposition shall be submitted to the voters of the city, county, or district, or a portion

thereof, and, upon the approval of two-thirds of the votes cast by voters voting upon the proposition, the city, county, or district may levy the tax.

(b) The legislative body of a city, or district, may provide for the collection of the special tax in the same manner and subject to the same penalty as, or with, other charges and taxes fixed and collected by the city, or district, or, by agreement with the county, by the county on behalf of the city, or district. If the special taxes are collected by the county on behalf of the city, or district, the county may deduct its reasonable costs incurred for the service before remittal of the balance to the city.

(c) The legislative body of a local agency which is conducting proceedings for the incorporation of a city, the formation of a district, a change of organization, a reorganization, a change of organization of a city, a municipal reorganization, or the disincorporation of a city may propose by ordinance or resolution the adoption of a special tax in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (a) on behalf of an affected city or district.

(d) As used in this section "district" means an agency of the state, formed pursuant to general law or special act, for the local performance of governmental or proprietary functions within limited boundaries.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 304, Sec. 1. (AB 851) Effective January 1, 2016.)

50077.5. (a) Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 860) of Title 10 of Part 2 of the Code of Civil Procedure applies to any judicial action or proceeding to validate, attack, review, set aside, void, or annul an ordinance or resolution approved by the voters pursuant to this article on or after January 1, 1986, that levies a special tax, or modifies or amends an existing ordinance or resolution that levies a special tax. If an ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to this article on or after January 1, 1986, provides for an automatic adjustment in the rate or amount of any special tax approved by the voters pursuant to this article, and the automatic adjustment increases the amount of the tax, any action or proceeding to attack, review, set aside, void, or annul the increase shall be commenced within 60 days of the effective date of the increase.

(b) Any appeal from the final judgment in an action or proceeding brought pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be filed within 30 days after entry of the judgment.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 985, Sec. 10.)