



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB4580

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 2005/11.5 new

Amends the Rescue Squad Districts Act. Provides that a rescue squad district may, by ordinance, submit a referendum to the voters for a special annual tax for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of emergency and rescue crews and equipment. Provides the special annual tax rate may not exceed 0.10% of the value of all taxable property within the district. Includes the language to be used in the referendum. Provides that after approval of the referendum by the voters of the district, the board of trustees of the rescue squad district shall, by resolution, set or amend the rate of the special tax to be levied by the district at a rate not to exceed 0.10% of the value of all taxable property in the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Rescue Squad Districts Act is amended by
5 adding Section 11.5 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 2005/11.5 new)

7 Sec. 11.5. Special annual tax.

8 (a) In addition to any other tax authorized by law, a
9 rescue squad district may, subject to the requirements of this
10 Section, by ordinance and referendum, levy a special annual tax
11 at a rate not exceeding 0.10% of the value, as equalized or
12 assessed by the Department of Revenue, on all taxable property
13 within the district, for the purpose of obtaining funds to pay
14 for the costs of emergency and rescue crews and equipment. The
15 board of trustees shall determine and certify the amount to be
16 levied and shall return the same to the county clerk. The
17 limitation upon the tax rate may be increased or decreased
18 under the referendum provisions of the General Revenue Law of
19 Illinois.

20 In case the district is located in more than one county,
21 the board of trustees shall determine and certify the amount to
22 be levied upon the taxable property lying in each county and
23 return the same to the respective county clerks of the counties

1 in which the amount is to be levied. In order to determine the
2 amount to be levied upon the taxable property of that part of
3 the district lying in each county, the board shall ascertain
4 from the county clerk of the respective counties in which the
5 district lies the last ascertained equalized value of the
6 taxable property of the district lying in their respective
7 counties, then shall ascertain the rate per cent required and
8 shall, accordingly, apportion the whole amount to be raised
9 between the several parts of the district so lying in the
10 different counties. The tax provided for in this Section shall
11 be levied at the same time and in the same manner as nearly as
12 practicable as taxes are now levied for municipal purposes
13 under the laws of this State.

14 The tax under this Section, when collected, shall be paid
15 over to the treasurer of the board of trustees, who is
16 authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

17 (b) Whenever a rescue squad district desires to levy a
18 special tax under this Section, it shall certify the question
19 to the proper election officials, who shall submit that
20 question at an election to the voters of the district in
21 accordance with the general election law. The result of the
22 referendum shall be entered upon the records of the district.
23 If a majority of the votes on the referendum are in favor of
24 the referendum, the rescue squad district may then levy a
25 special tax under this Section at a rate not to exceed 0.10% of
26 the value of all taxable property within the district as

1 equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue. The
2 referendum shall be in substantially the following form:

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4 Shall the Rescue Squad

5 District levy a special tax at a rate

6 not to exceed 0.10% of the value of YES

7 all taxable property within the

8 district as equalized or assessed -----

9 by the Department of Revenue for

10 the purpose of providing funds NO

11 to pay for the costs of emergency

12 and rescue crews and equipment?

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14 (c) After approval of the referendum by the voters of the

15 district, the board of trustees of the rescue squad district

16 shall, by resolution, set or amend the rate of the special tax

17 to be levied by the district at a rate not to exceed 0.10% of

18 the value of all taxable property within the district as

19 equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue.

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.