

SB3342



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 410/13

from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 7114

Amends the Conservation District Act. Provides that a district may annually levy a tax of 0.025% for the purposes of educational programming, equipment, supplies, and funding for research projects in association with endangered Illinois species and the preservation of historic sites. Provides that a district may not levy annual taxes, in the aggregate, in excess of 0.125% (currently, 0.1%).

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A BILL FOR

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 Conservation District Act is amended by
5 changing Section 13 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 410/13) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 7114)

7 Sec. 13. The fiscal year of each district shall commence
8 April 1 and extend through the following March 31.

9 The board shall, within the first quarter of each fiscal
10 year, adopt a combined annual budget and appropriation
11 ordinance as provided in the Illinois Municipal Budget Law. In
12 a district located entirely within a county with a population
13 of less than 750,000 that is contiguous to a county with a
14 population of more than 2,000,000, the district's combined
15 annual budget and appropriation ordinance shall not be
16 considered to be adopted until it is also adopted by resolution
17 of the county board of the county in which the district is
18 located.

19 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, a district may
20 annually levy taxes upon all the taxable property therein at
21 the value thereof, as equalized or assessed by the Department
22 of Revenue, to be extended at not more than the rates and for
23 the purposes specified hereinafter:

1 (1) 0.025% for the general purposes of the district,
2 including acquisition and development of real property
3 which may be in excess of current requirements and allowed
4 to accumulate from year to year, and for any purposes
5 specified by the district; however, no tax may be extended
6 at a rate that will result in accumulation of any amount
7 representing more than 0.075% of the equalized assessed
8 valuation of the district.

9 (2) 0.075% for acquisition of real property, which may
10 be in excess of current requirements and allowed to
11 accumulate from year to year, and for any purposes
12 specified by the district; however, no tax may be extended
13 at a rate that will result in accumulation of any amount
14 representing more than 0.25% of the equalized assessed
15 valuation of the district.

16 (3) 0.1%, in lieu of the two rates specified in (1) and
17 (2) above, for the general purposes of the district,
18 including the acquisition, development, operation and
19 maintenance of real property which may be in excess of
20 current requirements and allowed to accumulate from year to
21 year, and for any purposes specified by the district;
22 however, no tax may be extended at a rate that will result
23 in accumulation of any amount representing more than 0.325%
24 of the equalized assessed valuation of the district.

25 (4) 0.025%, in addition to the rates specified in
26 paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) above, for the provision of

1 staff, educational programming, equipment, supplies,
2 maintenance of facilities and equipment, and funding for
3 research and recovery projects associated with: (a)
4 endangered, threatened, and protected species, as defined
5 by State and federal law, of flora and fauna native to the
6 State; and (b) the preservation of historic sites or other
7 areas of educational or scientific interest.

8 Except as provided in some other Act, a district may not
9 levy annual taxes, for all its purposes in the aggregate, in
10 excess of 0.125% ~~0.1%~~ of the value, as equalized or assessed
11 by the Department of Revenue, of the taxable property therein.

12 After the adoption of the combined budget and appropriation
13 ordinance and within the second quarter of each fiscal year,
14 the board shall ascertain the total amount of the
15 appropriations legally made which are to be provided for from
16 tax levies for the current year. Then, by an ordinance
17 specifying in detail the purposes for which such appropriations
18 have been made and the amounts appropriated for such purposes,
19 the board shall levy not to exceed the total amount so
20 ascertained upon all the property subject to taxation within
21 the district as the same is assessed and equalized for state
22 and county purposes for the current year. A certified copy of
23 such ordinance shall be filed on or before the first Tuesday in
24 October with the clerk of each county wherein the district or
25 any part thereof is located.

26 (Source: P.A. 94-617, eff. 8-18-05.)