



## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB0220

by Rep. Donald L. Moffitt

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 705/24

from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 38.7

Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that a board of trustees of a fire protection district may submit a question to increase the current special tax rate for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of emergency and rescue crews and equipment to the voters of the fire protection district by referendum. Provides the special tax rate may be raised to a maximum of .10%. Provides the language to be used in the referendum. Effective immediately.

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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 Fire Protection District Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 24 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 705/24) (from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 38.7)

7 Sec. 24. (a) In addition to any other tax authorized by  
8 law, the board of trustees of a fire protection district may,  
9 subject to the requirements of subsections ~~subsection~~ (b) and  
10 (c), by ordinance levy a special annual tax at a rate not  
11 exceeding .10% ~~.05%~~ of the value, as equalized or assessed by  
12 the Department of Revenue, of all taxable property within the  
13 district, for the purpose of obtaining funds to pay for the  
14 costs of emergency and rescue crews and equipment.

15 (b) Whenever the board of trustees of a fire protection  
16 district desires to levy a special tax under this Section, it  
17 shall certify the question to the proper election officials,  
18 who shall submit that question at an election to the voters of  
19 the district in accordance with the general election law. The  
20 result of such referendum shall be entered upon the records of  
21 the district. If a majority of the votes on the proposition are  
22 in favor of such proposition, the board of trustees may  
23 thereafter levy a special tax under this Section at a rate not

1 to exceed .05% of the value of all taxable property within the  
 2 district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue.  
 3 The proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

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5 Shall the ..... Fire Protection  
 6 District levy a special tax at a rate  
 7 not to exceed .05% of the value of YES  
 8 all taxable property within the  
 9 district as equalized or assessed -----  
 10 by the Department of Revenue for  
 11 the purpose of providing funds NO  
 12 to pay for the costs of emergency  
 13 and rescue crews and equipment?

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15 (c) Whenever the board of trustees of a fire protection  
 16 district which levies a tax under this section desires to  
 17 increase the tax rate limit set forth under subsection (b), it  
 18 shall certify the question to the proper election officials,  
 19 who shall submit that question at an election to the voters of  
 20 the district in accordance with the general election law. The  
 21 result of such referendum shall be entered upon the records of  
 22 the district. If a majority of the votes on the proposition are  
 23 in favor of such proposition, the board of trustees may  
 24 thereafter levy a special tax under this Section at a rate not  
 25 to exceed .10% of the value of all taxable property within the  
 26 district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue.

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3 Shall the rate of the  
4 special tax levied by the .....

5 Fire Protection District for the YES

6 purpose of providing funds to pay  
7 the costs of emergency and rescue -----

8 crews and equipment be increased to  
9 not more than .10% of the value of

10 all taxable property within the NO

11 district as equalized or assessed  
12 by the Department of Revenue?

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14 (Source: P.A. 85-652.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
16 becoming law.