## CHAPTER 196

## FIRE PROTECTION IN TOWNSHIPS

S. F. 90\*

AN ACT to increase the tax levy in certain townships for fire protection.

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Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Section three hundred fifty-nine point forty-three (359.43), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

359.43 Levy. The township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding forty and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of the taxable property in the township, or portion thereof, without the corporate limits of any city which may be wholly or partially within the limits of the township, for the purpose of exercising the powers granted in section 359.42, when so authorized by an affirmative vote equal to at least sixty percent of the total vote cast for and against a proposal therefor at an election held pursuant to section 359.44. However, in, except:

1. In any township having a fire protection agreement with a special charter city having a paid fire department, the township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding fifty-four cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of the taxable property for such purpose, when so authorized by an affirmative vote equal to at least sixty percent of the total vote cast for and against a proposal therefor at an election held pursuant to section 359.44; provided, however, that if the levy of an annual tax not exceeding forty and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value has been authorized in such township pursuant to this section prior to January 1, 1959, no new or additional election shall be required in order to authorize the township trustees of such township to levy an annual tax not exceeding fifty-four cents per thousand dollars of assessed value pursuant to this section.

2. In any township which has a common boundary with a city having a population of two hundred thousand or more, the township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding sixty-seven and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of taxable property for fire protection purposes if the trustees are authorized by an affirmative vote equal to sixty percent of the total vote cast for and against a proposal for such levy at an election held as provided in section three hundred fifty-nine point forty-four (359.44) of the Code; however, if the levy of an annual tax not exceeding forty and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value has been authorized in such township prior to July 1, 1975, a new election shall not be required to authorize the township trustees of such township to levy after June 30, 1975 an annual tax not exceeding sixty-seven and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value.

SEC. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Clinton Herald, a newspaper published in Clinton, Iowa, and in the State Center Enterprise, a newspaper published in State Center, Iowa.

Approved March 25, 1975

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, Senate File 90, was published in the Clinton Herald, Clinton, Iowa, March 29, 1975, and in the State Center Enterprise, State Center, Iowa, April 3, 1975.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, Secretary of State

<sup>\*</sup>This Act was repealed by ch 194, §7 of these Acts