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HOUSE FILE 582

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act to provide a tax rate range for fire protection and
 2 related services for benefited fire districts and townships.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 357B.3, subsection 1, Code 1997, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The board of trustees may purchase, own, rent, or
4 maintain fire apparatus or equipment within the state or
5 outside the territorial jurisdiction and boundary limits of
6 this state and provide housing for such apparatus or
7 equipment. The board of trustees may contract with any public
8 or private agency under chapter 28E for the purpose of
9 providing fire protection under this chapter. The board of
10 trustees may levy an annual tax of not less than twenty cents
11 per thousand dollars of assessed value and not exceeding forty
12 and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value for
13 the purpose of exercising the powers granted in this section.
14 The board of trustees may purchase material and employ persons
15 to provide for the maintenance and operation of the benefited
16 fire district. The trustees shall be allowed reimbursement
17 for any necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
18 their duties, but they shall not receive any other
19 compensation for their services.

20 Sec. 2. Section 359.43, subsection 1, Code 1997, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 1. The township trustees may levy an annual tax of not
23 less than twenty cents per thousand dollars of assessed value
24 and not exceeding forty and one-half cents per thousand
25 dollars of assessed value of the taxable property in the
26 township, excluding property within a benefited fire district
27 or within the corporate limits of a city, for the purpose of
28 exercising the powers and duties specified in section 359.42.
29 However, in a township having a fire protection service or
30 emergency medical service agreement or both service agreements
31 with a special charter city having a paid fire department, the
32 township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding fifty-
33 four cents per thousand dollars of the assessed value of the
34 taxable property for the services authorized or required under
35 section 359.42 and in a township which is located within a

1 county having a population of three hundred thousand or more,
 2 the township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding
 3 sixty-seven and one-half cents per thousand dollars of
 4 assessed value of taxable property for the services authorized
 5 or required under section 359.42.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This bill provides that trustees of benefited fire
 8 districts and townships shall initially fund fire protection
 9 and related emergency medical services within a minimum and
 10 maximum property tax rate range. The minimum rate is 20 cents
 11 per \$1,000 of assessed value and the maximum rate is 40.5
 12 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

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