

House File 156 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act raising the limit certain townships may levy for fire
2 protection service and emergency medical service.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 359.43, subsection 1, Code 2025, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. The township trustees may levy an annual tax not exceeding
4 ~~forty and one-half~~ ninety-one cents per thousand dollars of
5 assessed value of the taxable property in the township, excluding
6 property within a benefited fire district or within the corporate
7 limits of a city, for the purpose of exercising the powers and
8 duties specified in section 359.42. However, in a township
9 having a fire protection service or emergency medical service
10 agreement or both service agreements with a special charter
11 city having a paid fire department, the township trustees may
12 levy an annual tax not exceeding fifty-four cents per thousand
13 dollars of the assessed value of the taxable property for the
14 services authorized or required under section 359.42 and in a
15 township which is located within a county having a population of
16 three hundred thousand or more, the township trustees may levy
17 an annual tax not exceeding sixty-seven and one-half cents per
18 thousand dollars of assessed value of taxable property for the
19 services authorized or required under section 359.42.

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 Under current law, a township may levy taxes to provide for
24 fire and emergency medical services. Townships with a population
25 of 300,000 or more may levy an annual tax not to exceed
26 67.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value of taxable property.
27 Townships with a fire protection service agreement, an emergency
28 medical service agreement, or both with a special charter city
29 may levy an annual tax not to exceed 54 cents per \$1,000 of
30 assessed value of taxable property. All other townships may levy
31 an annual tax not to exceed 40.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed
32 value of taxable property.

33 This bill raises the maximum a township without a fire
34 protection or emergency medical service agreement with a special
35 charter city, and with a population below 300,000, may levy for

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1 providing fire and emergency medical services from 40.5 cents per
2 \$1,000 of assessed value of taxable property in the township to
3 91 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value of taxable property in the
4 township.

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