

CHAPTER 82

TOWNSHIP AMBULANCE SERVICE AND FIRE PROTECTION

H. F. 672

AN ACT authorizing ambulance service by townships and authorizing township trustees to divide a township into taxing districts to provide fire protection service.

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

Section 1. Section three hundred fifty-nine point forty-two (359.42), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

359.42 TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AND AMBULANCE SERVICE. The trustees of each township in this state shall provide fire protection service for the township, exclusive of any part of the township within a benefited fire district and, in counties not providing ambulance services under section three hundred thirty-two point three (332.3), subsection twenty-three (23) of the Code, may provide ambulance service. The trustees may purchase, own, rent or maintain fire protection service or ambulance service apparatus or equipment or both kinds of apparatus or equipment and provide housing for such the equipment. The trustees may contract with any public or private agency under chapter 28E for the purpose of providing fire protection service or ambulance service or both services under this section.

Sec. 2. Section three hundred fifty-nine point forty-three (359.43), Code 1979, is amended to read as follows:

359.43 TAX LEVY.

1. 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, excluding any property within a benefited fire district or within the corporate limits of a city, for the purpose of exercising the powers granted in section 359.42. However, in any township having a fire protection service or ambulance service agreement or both service agreements 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 the assessed value of the taxable property for such purpose those purposes and 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 service or ambulance service purposes or for both purposes.

2. If the levy authorized under subsection one (1) of this section is insufficient to provide fire protection service and ambulance service, the township trustees may levy an additional annual tax not exceeding twenty and one-fourth cents per thousand dollars of assessed value of the taxable property in the township, excluding any property within the corporate limits

of a city, to provide the ambulance service. The township trustees may divide the township into districts for the purpose of providing the ambulance service and fire service and may levy a different tax rate in each district, but the tax levy to provide ambulance service shall not exceed twenty and one-fourth cents per thousand dollars of taxable assessed value in a district.

Sec. 3. Section three hundred fifty-nine point forty-three (359.43), Code 1979, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The township trustees may divide the township into tax districts for the purpose of providing fire protection service and may levy a different tax rate in each district, but the tax levied in a tax district for fire protection shall not exceed the tax levy limitation for that township as provided in this section.

Approved June 4, 1979

CHAPTER 83 TOWNSHIP OFFICERS COMPENSATION

H. F. 647

AN ACT relating to service and compensation for service in county and township government.

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

Section 1. Section three hundred fifty-nine point forty-six (359.46), Code 1979, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

359.46 COMPENSATION OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES.

1. A township trustee while engaged in official business shall be compensated at an hourly rate established by the county board of supervisors. However, the county board of supervisors may establish a minimum daily pay rate for the time spent by a township trustee attending a scheduled meeting of township trustees. The compensation shall be paid from the general fund of the county except:

a. When the trustee is assessing damages done by trespassing animals, payment of the compensation shall be made in the same manner as other costs in such cases.

b. When the trustee is acting as a fence viewer or in a case where provision is made for payment from a source other than the general fund of the county.

2. In cases where their fees or compensation are not paid from the general fund of the county, the trustees shall be paid by the party requiring their services. The trustees shall attach to the report of their proceedings a statement specifying their services, directing who shall pay the fees or