

CHAPTER 142

GOVERNMENT - COUNTY

HOUSE BILL 96-1064

BY REPRESENTATIVES Lamm, Armstrong, Chlouber, Dyer, Friednash, Knox, Lyle, Prinster, Saliman, Schwarz, and Sullivant; also SENATORS Wattenberg and L. Powers.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX BY A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PAY FOR THE COST OF FIGHTING WILD FIRES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 30-10-513, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1986 Repl. Vol., is amended to read:

30-10-513. Sheriff in charge of forest or prairie fire - expenses. It is the duty of the sheriff, undersheriffs, and deputies, in case of any forest or prairie fire, to assume charge thereof or to assist other governmental authorities in such emergencies for controlling and extinguishing such fires, and for assisting in so doing they may call to their aid such person as they may deem necessary. The state forester may assume ~~said~~ THE duty with concurrence of the sheriff. The board of county commissioners of any county may allow the sheriff, undersheriffs, deputies, MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY fire departments, ~~called out of their~~ fire protection districts, FIRE AUTHORITIES, and such other persons as may be called to assist in controlling and extinguishing such fires such compensation and other expenses necessarily incurred as it may deem just. The board of county commissioners of any county in this state may make such appropriation as ~~to~~ it may ~~seem~~ DEEM proper for the purpose of controlling fires in its county. ~~and The boards~~ BOARD of county commissioners ~~are~~ IS authorized to levy a special tax ~~on~~ SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS UPON EVERY DOLLAR OF VALUATION OF ASSESSMENT OF the taxable property within ~~their respective counties~~ THE COUNTY for the purpose of creating a fund ~~not exceeding~~ THAT SHALL BE APPROPRIATED, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS, FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS, AND FIRE AUTHORITIES IN THE COUNTY, TO PREVENT, CONTROL, OR EXTINGUISH SUCH FIRES ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY AND TO FIX THE RATE OF LEVY; EXCEPT THAT THE AMOUNT RAISED FROM THE

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

LEVY IN ANY ONE YEAR IS LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT RAISED BY ONE MILL OR ~~ten thousand dollars~~ FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, WHICHEVER IS LESS. ~~in any one year for the purpose of preventing, controlling, or extinguishing any fires in their respective counties.~~

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 2, 1996