

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1202

In addition to the amendments adopted by the Senate as printed on page 836 of the Senate Journal, Reengrossed House Bill No. 1202 is further amended as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after "sections" insert "11-28.3-01, 11-28.3-08, 11-28.3-09, 11-28.3-14, 23-12-08," and remove "and"

Page 1, line 4, after "23-27-04.4" insert ", 57-15-06.7, 57-15-20.2, 57-15-50, 57-15-51, 57-15-51.1, and subsection 21 of section 58-03-07"

Page 1, line 5, after "operations" insert "and mill levies for emergency medical services and rural ambulance services"

Page 1, after line 6, insert:

**"SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-28.3-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**11-28.3-01. Territory to be organized - Petition.** Whenever twenty percent of the qualified electors, as determined by the vote cast in the last preceding gubernatorial election, residing in any rural territory, equivalent in area to one township or more not presently served by an existing ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical service, elect to form, organize, establish, equip, and maintain a rural ambulance service district, they shall signify their intention by presenting to the county auditor of the county or counties in which the territory is situated, a petition setting forth the desires and purposes of the petitioners. The petition shall contain the full names and post-office addresses of the petitioners, the suggested name of the proposed district, the area in square miles [hectares] to be included therein, and a complete description according to government survey, wherever possible, of the boundaries of the real properties intended to be embraced in the proposed rural ambulance service district. A plat or map showing the suggested boundaries of the proposed district shall accompany the petition, and the petitioner shall also deposit with the county auditor a sum sufficient to defray the expense of publishing the notices required by sections 11-28.3-02 and 11-28.3-03. Provided further that any city located within the area, whether such city has ~~ambulance service~~ emergency medical services or not, may be included in the rural ambulance district if twenty percent or more of the qualified electors residing in the city sign the petition.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-28.3-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**11-28.3-08. Powers of board of directors.** The board of directors shall have the following general powers to:

1. Develop a general ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical service program for the district.
2. Make an annual estimate of the probable expense of carrying out the program.
3. Annually certify that estimate to the proper county auditor in the manner provided by section 11-28.3-09.

4. Manage and conduct the business affairs of the district.
5. Make and execute contracts in the name of and on behalf of the district with regard to a general ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical service program.
6. Purchase or lease ambulances, or other emergency vehicles, supplies, and other real or personal property as shall be necessary and proper to carry out the general ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical service program of the district.
7. Incur indebtedness on behalf of the district within the limits prescribed by section 11-28.3-10, authorize the issuance of evidences of indebtedness permitted under section 11-28.3-10, and pledge any real or personal property owned or acquired by the district as security for the same.
8. Organize, establish, equip, maintain, and supervise an ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical service company to serve the district.
9. Generally perform all acts necessary to fully carry out the purposes of this chapter.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-28.3-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**11-28.3-09. ~~Ambulance~~ Emergency medical service policy to be determined.** The board of directors shall establish a general ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical service policy for the district and shall annually estimate the probable expense for carrying out that policy. The estimate shall be certified by the president and secretary to the proper county auditor or county auditors, on or before June thirtieth of each year. The auditor or auditors shall levy a tax not to exceed five mills upon the taxable property within the district for the maintenance of the ambulance service district for the fiscal year as provided by law. The tax shall be:

1. Collected as other taxes are collected in the county.
2. Turned over to the secretary-treasurer of the rural ambulance service district, who shall be bonded in the amount of at least five thousand dollars.
3. Deposited by the secretary-treasurer in a state or national bank in a district account.
4. Paid out upon warrants drawn upon the district account by authority of the board of directors of the district, bearing the signature of the secretary-treasurer and the countersignature of the president.

In no case shall the amount of the tax levy exceed the amount of funds required to defray the expenses of the district for a period of one year as embraced in the annual estimate of expense including the amount of principal and interest upon the indebtedness of the district for the ensuing year. The district may include in its operating budget no more than ten percent of its annual operating budget as a depreciation expense to be set aside in a dedicated ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical services sinking fund deposited with the treasurer for the replacement of equipment and ambulances. The ten percent ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical services sinking fund may be in addition to the actual annual operating budget, but the total of the annual operating budget and the annual ten percent ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical services sinking fund shall not exceed the approved mill levy.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 11-28.3-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**11-28.3-14. Payments by certain organizations.** Any property tax-exempt club, lodge, chapter, charitable home, dormitory, state or county fair association, or like organization located within a rural ambulance service district and outside the boundaries of any city shall pay to the board of directors of the district annually for ~~ambulance~~ ambulance emergency medical service an amount agreed upon, but not less than twenty-five percent of the amount which would be levied against the property under the provisions of this chapter if the property were subject to levy.

Funds derived from such payments shall be expended by the district for ~~ambulance~~ ambulance emergency medical service supplies and equipment and the training of ~~ambulance~~ ambulance emergency medical service personnel.

**SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 23-12-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**23-12-08. Ambulance Emergency medical service authorized.** Any county or municipality of the state of North Dakota, by itself, or in combination with any other county or municipality of the state of North Dakota, may, acting through its governing body, establish, maintain, contract for, or otherwise provide ~~ambulance~~ ambulance emergency medical service for such county or municipality; and for this purpose, out of any funds of such county or municipality not otherwise committed, may buy, rent, lease, or otherwise contract for all such vehicles, equipment, or other facilities or services which may be necessary to effectuate such purpose."

Page 5, after line 29, insert:

**"SECTION 15. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-15-06.7 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**57-15-06.7. Additional levies - Exceptions to tax levy limitations in counties.** The tax levy limitations specified in section 57-15-06 do not apply to the following mill levies, which are expressed in mills per dollar of taxable valuation of property in the county:

1. Counties supporting airports or airport authorities may levy a tax not exceeding four mills in accordance with section 2-06-15.
2. Counties levying an additional tax as provided in section 4-02-27.2 may levy a tax not exceeding two mills for a period of not to exceed ten years.
3. Repealed by S.L. 1995, ch. 61, § 14.
4. Counties levying a tax for extension work as provided in section 4-08-15 may levy a tax not exceeding two mills.
5. Counties levying a tax for extension work as provided for in section 4-08-15.1 may levy a tax not exceeding two mills.
6. Counties levying a tax for gopher, rabbit, and crow destruction as provided in section 4-16-02 may levy a tax not exceeding one-half of one mill.
7. Counties levying a tax for payment of a judgment obtained by the state or a state agency against the county in accordance with section 11-11-46 may levy a tax not exceeding one mill.
8. Counties levying a tax for historical works in accordance with section 11-11-53 may levy a tax not exceeding one quarter of one mill, except that if sixty percent of the qualified electors voting on the question of an

increase levy as provided in section 11-11-53 shall approve, a tax may be levied not exceeding three quarters of one mill.

9. A county levying a tax for a booster station in accordance with section 11-11-60 may levy a tax not exceeding two mills.
10. A county levying a tax to pay expenses of the board of county park commissioners in accordance with section 11-28-06 may levy a tax not exceeding one mill.
11. Repealed by S.L. 1999, ch. 154, § 2.
12. A county levying a tax for a county or community hospital association as provided in section 23-18-01 may levy a tax for not more than five years not exceeding eight mills in any one year or, in the alternative, for not more than fifteen years at a mill rate not exceeding five mills.
13. A county levying a tax for a nursing home authority in accordance with section 23-18.2-12 may levy a tax not exceeding five mills.
14. A county levying a tax for county roads as provided in section 24-05-01 may levy a tax not exceeding five mills if approved as provided in that section.
15. A county levying a tax to establish and maintain a public library service as provided in section 40-38-02 may levy a tax not exceeding four mills.
16. A county levying a tax to provide for vocational and on-the-job training services as provided in section 40-57.2-04 may levy a tax not exceeding one mill.
17. A county levying a tax for farm-to-market and federal-aid roads as provided in section 57-15-06.3 may levy a tax not exceeding the levy established by the ballot approved by the electors as provided in that section.
18. A county levying a tax for a county veterans' service officer's salary, traveling, and office expenses in accordance with section 57-15-06.4 may levy a tax not exceeding one and one-fourth mills.
19. A county levying a tax for planning purposes as provided in section 57-15-06.5 may levy a tax not exceeding three mills.
- 19.1. A county levying a tax for regional or county corrections centers according to section 57-15-06.6 may levy a tax not exceeding five mills.
20. A county levying a tax for advertising purposes as provided in section 57-15-10.1 may levy a tax not exceeding one-half mill.
21. A county levying a tax for abandoned cemetery maintenance as provided in section 57-15-27.2 may levy a tax not exceeding one-tenth of one mill.
22. A county levying a tax for emergency purposes as provided in section 57-15-28 may levy a tax not exceeding two mills.
23. A county levying a tax for county ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical service according to section 57-15-50 may levy a tax not exceeding five mills.
24. A county levying a tax for destruction of weeds along highways as provided in section 57-15-54 may levy a tax not exceeding two mills.

25. A county levying a tax for programs and activities for senior citizens according to section 57-15-56 may levy a tax not exceeding two mills.
26. A county levying a tax for county welfare in accordance with section 57-15-57 may levy a tax not exceeding two mills.
27. A county levying a tax to repay a loan according to section 57-47-04 may levy a tax not to exceed three mills.
28. Tax levies made for paying the principal and interest on any obligations of the county evidenced by the issuance of bonds.
29. A county levying a tax for a job development authority as provided in section 11-11.1-04 or for the support of an industrial development organization as provided in section 11-11.1-06 may levy a tax not exceeding four mills on the taxable valuation of property within the county. However, if any city within the county is levying a tax for support of a job development authority or for support of an industrial development organization and the total of the county and city levies exceeds four mills, the county tax levy within the city levying under subsection 28 of section 57-15-10 must be reduced so the total levy in the city does not exceed four mills.
30. Counties levying a tax for county fairs according to section 4-02-26 may levy a tax not exceeding one mill.
31. Counties levying a tax according to section 4-02-27 for a county fair association may levy a tax not exceeding one and one-half mills.
32. Counties levying a tax in accordance with section 4-02-27.1 for a county fair association may levy a tax not exceeding one-half mill.
33. A county levying a tax for programs and activities for handicapped persons according to section 11-11-65 may levy a tax not exceeding one-half mill.
34. Counties levying an annual tax for human services purposes as provided in section 50-06.2-05 may levy a tax not exceeding twenty mills.
35. A county levying a tax for county parks and recreational facilities in accordance with section 57-15-06.9 may levy a tax not exceeding three mills.
36. A county levying a tax for old-age and survivors' insurance according to section 52-09-08, for social security, for an employee retirement program established by the governing body, for county automation and telecommunications under section 57-15-62, or for any combination of those purposes, may levy a tax not exceeding thirty mills. The portion of the levy under this subsection for county automation and telecommunications under section 57-15-62 may not exceed five mills.

Tax levy or mill levy limitations do not apply to any statute which expressly provides that taxes authorized to be levied therein are not subject to mill levy limitations provided by law.

**SECTION 16. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-15-20.2 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**57-15-20.2. Exceptions to tax levy limitations in townships.** The tax levy limitations specified in section 57-15-20 do not apply to the following mill levies, which are expressed in mills per dollar of taxable valuation of property in the township:

1. A township levying a tax for prevention and extinguishment of fires in accordance with section 18-06-10 may levy a tax not exceeding one mill.
2. A township levying a tax to establish a recreation system according to section 40-55-08 may levy a tax not exceeding two and five-tenths mills, except that a township may levy an amount not exceeding eight and five-tenths mills if the provisions of section 40-55-09 are met.
3. A township levying a tax for the purpose of cooperating with the county in constructing and maintaining federal-aid farm-to-market roads in accordance with section 57-15-19.4 may levy a tax not exceeding five mills.
4. A township levying a tax for law enforcement in accordance with section 57-15-19.5 may levy a tax not exceeding five mills.
5. A township levying a tax for mowing or snow removal equipment in accordance with section 57-15-19.6 may levy a tax not exceeding three mills.
- 5.1. A township levying a tax for a legal contingency fund in accordance with section 57-15-22.2 may levy a tax not exceeding ten mills for not to exceed five years.
6. A township levying a tax for airport purposes in accordance with section 57-15-37.1 may levy a tax not exceeding four mills.
7. A township levying a tax for ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical service in accordance with section 57-15-51.1 may levy a tax not exceeding five mills.
8. A township levying a tax for park purposes in accordance with section 58-17-02 may levy a tax not exceeding two mills.

Tax levy or mill levy limitations do not apply to any statute which expressly provides that taxes authorized to be levied therein are not subject to mill levy limitations provided by law.

**SECTION 17. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-15-50 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**57-15-50. Levy authorized for county ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical service.** Upon petition of ten percent of the number of qualified electors of the county voting in the last election for governor or upon its own motion, the board of county commissioners of each county shall levy annually a tax not exceeding the limitation in subsection 23 of section 57-15-06.7, for the purpose of subsidizing county ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical services; provided, that this tax must be approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the county voting on the question at a regular or special countywide election. The county may budget, in addition to its annual operating budget for subsidizing ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical service, no more than ten percent of its annual operating budget as a depreciation expense to be set aside in a dedicated ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical services sinking fund deposited with the treasurer for the replacement of equipment and ambulances. The ten percent ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical services sinking fund must be in addition to the annual operating budget for subsidization, but the total of the annual operating budget and the annual ten percent ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical services sinking fund may not exceed the approved mill levy. If the county contains a rural ambulance service district or rural fire protection district that levies for and provides ~~ambulance~~ emergency medical service, the property within that district is exempt from the county tax levy under this section upon notice from the governing body of the district to the board of county commissioners of the existence of the district.

**SECTION 18. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-15-51 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**57-15-51. Levy authorized for city ~~ambulance emergency medical~~ service.**

Upon petition of ten percent of the number of qualified electors of the city voting in the last election for governor or upon its own motion, the governing body of each city in this state shall levy annually a tax of not to exceed five mills upon its taxable valuation, for the purpose of subsidizing city ~~ambulance emergency medical~~ services; provided, that such tax must be approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the city voting on the question at a regular or special city election. Whenever a tax for county ~~ambulance emergency medical~~ services is levied by a county, any city levying a tax for, or subsidizing city ~~ambulance emergency medical~~ services, shall upon written application to the county board of such county be exempted from such county tax levy. The city may set aside, as a depreciation expense, up to ten percent of its annual ~~ambulance emergency medical~~ service operating or subsidization budget in a dedicated ~~ambulance emergency medical services~~ sinking fund, deposited with the auditor for replacement of equipment and ambulances. The ten percent ~~ambulance emergency medical services~~ sinking fund may be in addition to the actual annual ~~ambulance emergency medical services~~ budget but the total of the annual ~~ambulance emergency medical services~~ budget and the annual ten percent ~~ambulance emergency medical services~~ fund may not exceed the approved mill levy.

**SECTION 19. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-15-51.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**57-15-51.1. Levy authorized for township ~~ambulance emergency medical~~ service.** Pursuant to a vote of sixty percent of the qualified electors voting at the annual township meeting, or at a special election called for that purpose upon petition of fifty percent of the number of qualified electors of the township voting in the last election for governor, the board of township supervisors shall levy annually a tax approved by the qualified electors not exceeding the limitation in subsection 7 of section 57-15-20.2 for the purpose of subsidizing township ~~ambulance emergency medical~~ service.

**SECTION 20. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 21 of section 58-03-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

21. To direct the transfer of township funds to a rural ambulance service district for ~~ambulance emergency medical~~ service within the township."

Renumber accordingly