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SENATE DRS15106-MDxf-41B (02/26)

Short Title: Stokesdale Fire District Assessment.

(Local)

Sponsors: Senator Wade (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE STATUTES PERTAINING TO THE ASSESSMENT FOR
3 THE STOKESDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 69-25.1 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 69-25.1. Election to be held upon petition of voters.

7 Upon the petition of thirty-five percent (35%) of the resident freeholders living in an area
8 lying outside the corporate limits of any city or town, which area is described in the petition
9 and designated as " _____

10 (Here insert name)

11 Fire District," the board of county commissioners of the county shall call a special election in
12 ~~said that~~ district for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters ~~therein in that district~~ the
13 question of levying and collecting a special tax on all taxable property in ~~said the~~ district, of not
14 exceeding fifteen cents (15¢) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property, for
15 the purpose of providing fire protection in ~~said the~~ district. The county tax office shall be
16 responsible for ~~checking verifying~~ the freeholder status of those individuals signing the petition
17 and confirming the location of the property owned by those individuals. Unless specifically
18 excluded by other law, the provisions of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes concerning
19 petitions for referenda and special elections shall apply. If the voters reject the special tax under
20 the first paragraph of this section, then no new election may be held under the first paragraph of
21 this section within two years on the question of levying and collecting a special tax under the
22 first paragraph of this section in that district, or in any proposed district which includes a
23 majority of the land within the district in which the tax was rejected.

24 Upon the petition of thirty-five percent (35%) of the resident freeholders living an area
25 which has previously been established as a fire protection district and in which there has been
26 authorized by a vote of the people a special tax not exceeding ten cents (10¢) on the one
27 hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property within the area, the board of county
28 commissioners shall call a special election in ~~said that~~ area for the purpose of submitting to the
29 qualified voters therein the question of increasing the allowable special tax for fire protection
30 within ~~said that~~ district from ten cents (10¢) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation to
31 fifteen cents (15¢) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation on all taxable property
32 within ~~such the~~ district. Special elections on the question of increasing the allowable tax rate for
33 fire protection shall not be held within the same district at intervals less than two years."

34 SECTION 2. G.S. 69-25.1 reads as rewritten:

35 "§ 69-25.1. Election to be held upon petition of voters.



1 Upon the petition of thirty-five percent (35%) of the resident freeholders living in an area
2 lying outside the corporate limits of any city or town, which area is described in the petition
3 and designated as " _____

4 (Here insert name)

5 Fire District," the board of county commissioners of the county shall call a special election in
6 ~~said-that~~ district for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters ~~therein-in that district~~ the
7 question of levying and collecting a special tax on all taxable property in ~~said-the~~ district, of not
8 exceeding fifteen cents (15¢) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property, for
9 the purpose of providing fire protection in said district. The county tax office shall be
10 responsible for ~~checking-verify~~ the freeholder status of those individuals signing the petition
11 and confirming the location of the property owned by those individuals. Unless specifically
12 excluded by other law, the provisions of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes concerning
13 petitions for referenda and special elections shall apply. If the voters reject the special tax under
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23 qualified voters therein the question of increasing the allowable special tax for fire protection
24 within ~~said-that~~ district from ten cents (10¢) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation to
25 fifteen cents (15¢) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation on all taxable property
26 within ~~such-the~~ district. Special elections on the question of increasing the allowable tax rate
27 for fire protection shall not be held within the same district at intervals less than two years."

28 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act applies to Guilford County only. Section 2 of
29 this act applies to Rockingham County only.

30 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.