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STATE OF UTAH
Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore
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ONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill modifies provisions related to property taxes levied by a local district.
lighlighted Provisions:
This bill:
defines terms;
 modifies the circumstances under which a local district may levy or collect a
roperty tax that exceeds the certified rate; and
 makes technical and conforming changes.
Money Appropriated in this Bill:
None
Other Special Clauses:
This bill provides a special effective date.
Itah Code Sections Affected:
AMENDS:
17B-1-1001, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 415
17B-2a-903, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 218
17B-2a-1009, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 415



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28	17B-1-1001. Provisions applicable to property tax levy.
29	(1) Each local district that levies and collects property taxes shall levy and collect them
30	according to the provisions of Title 59, Chapter 2, Property Tax Act.
31	(2) As used in this section, "elected official" means a local district board of trustees
32	member who:
33	(a) is elected to the board of trustees by local district voters at an election held for that
34	purpose[, including a member elected under Subsection (4)];
35	[(b) holds, at the time of appointment to the board of trustees, an elected position with
36	a municipality, county, or another local district that is partially or completely included within
37	the boundaries of the local district;]
38	[(c)] (b) is appointed in accordance with Subsection 17B-1-303(5) or 17B-1-306(4)(f);
39	or
40	[(d)] <u>(c)</u> is considered to be elected in accordance with Subsection 17B-1-306(4)(g).
41	(3) (a) Except as provided in [Subsection] Subsections (3)(b) and (c), a local district
42	may not levy or collect property tax revenue that exceeds the certified tax rate during a taxable
43	year that begins on or after January 1, 2011.
44	(b) [Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a), a] \underline{A} local district may levy or collect property
45	tax revenue that exceeds the certified tax rate during a taxable year that begins on or after
46	January 1, 2011, and before January 1, 2017, if:
47	(i) and to the extent that the revenue from the property tax was pledged before January
48	1, 2011, to pay for bonds or other obligations of the local district;
49	(ii) the members of the board of trustees are all elected officials;
50	(iii) the majority of the board of trustees are elected officials; or
51	(iv) the proposed tax or increase in the property tax rate has been approved by:
52	(A) a majority of the registered voters within the local district at an election held for
53	that purpose on a date specified in Section 20A-1-204;
54	(B) the legislative body of the appointing authority; or
55	(C) the legislative body of:
56	(I) a majority of the municipalities partially or completely included within the
57	boundary of the specified local district; or
58	(II) the county in which the specified local district is located, if the county has some or

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59	all of its unincorporated area included within the boundary of the specified local district.
60	(c) A local district may levy or collect property tax revenue that exceeds the certified
61	rate during a taxable year that begins on or after January 1, 2017, if:
62	(i) and to the extent that the revenue from the property tax was pledged before January
63	1, 2017, to pay for bonds or other obligations of the local district;
64	(ii) each member of the board of trustees is an elected official; or
65	(iii) the proposed tax or increase in the property tax rate is first approved by:
66	(A) a majority of the registered voters within the local district at an election held for
67	that purpose on a date specified in Section 20A-1-204; or
68	(B) the legislative body of each municipality and each county that is partially or
69	completely located within the boundaries of the local district.
70	(4) (a) Notwithstanding provisions to the contrary in Title 17B, Chapter 2a, Provisions
71	Applicable to Different Types of Local Districts, and [for purposes of Subsection (3)(b),
72	members of the board of trustees of a local district shall be elected, if,] subject to Subsection
73	(4)(b), a local district may change the local district's board of trustees to an elected board if:
74	(i) two-thirds of all members of the board of trustees of the local district vote in favor
75	of changing to an elected board; and
76	(ii) the legislative body of each municipality [or] and each county that appoints a
77	member to the board of trustees adopts a resolution approving the change to an elected board.
78	(b) A change to an elected board of trustees under Subsection (4)(a) may not shorten
79	the term of any member of the board of trustees serving at the time of the change.
80	(5) Subsections (2), (3), and (4) do not apply to:
81	(a) Title 17B, Chapter 2a, Part 6, Metropolitan Water District Act;
82	(b) Title 17B, Chapter 2a, Part 10, Water Conservancy District Act; or
83	(c) a local district in which:
84	(i) the board of trustees consists solely of:
85	(A) land owners or the land owners' agents; or
86	(B) as described in Subsection 17B-1-302(1)(c), land owners or the land owners' agents
87	or officers; and
88	(ii) there are no residents within the local district at the time a property tax is levied.
89	Section 2. Section 17B-2a-903 is amended to read:

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90	17B-2a-903. Additional service area powers Property tax limitation for service
91	area providing law enforcement service.
92	(1) In addition to the powers conferred on a service area under Section 17B-1-103, a
93	service area:
94	(a) may issue bonds as provided in and subject to Chapter 1, Part 11, Local District
95	Bonds, to carry out the purposes of the district;
96	(b) that, until April 30, 2007, was a regional service area, may provide park, recreation,
97	or parkway services, or any combination of those services; and
98	(c) may, with the consent of the county in which the service area is located, provide
99	planning and zoning service.
100	(2) A service area that provides law enforcement service may not levy a property tax or
101	increase its certified tax rate, as defined in Section 59-2-924[7]:
102	(a) for a taxable year that begins before January 1, 2017, without the prior approval of:
103	[(a)] (i) (A) the legislative body of each municipality that is partly or entirely within the
104	boundary of the service area; and
105	[(ii)] (B) the legislative body of the county with an unincorporated area within the
106	boundary of the service area; or
107	[(b) (i)] (ii) (A) a majority of the legislative bodies of all municipalities that are partly
108	or entirely within the boundary of the service area; and
109	[(ii)] (B) two-thirds of the legislative body of the county with an unincorporated area
110	within the boundary of the service area[-]; or
111	(b) for a taxable year that begins on or after January 1, 2017, without prior approval of
112	the legislative body of each:
113	(i) municipality that is partly or entirely within the boundaries of the service area; and
114	(ii) county with an unincorporated area within the boundaries of the service area.
115	Section 3. Section 17B-2a-1009 is amended to read:
116	17B-2a-1009. Limit on property tax authority Exceptions.
117	(1) As used in this section, "elected official" means a water conservancy district board
118	of trustee member who:
119	(a) is elected to the board of trustees by water conservancy district voters at an election
120	held for that purpose; or

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121	[(b) holds, at the time of appointment to the board of trustees, an elected position with
122	a municipality, county, or local district that is partially or completely included within the
123	boundaries of the water conservancy district; or]
124	[(c)] (b) is appointed in accordance with Subsection 17B-1-303(5) or 17B-1-306(4)(f)
125	or (g).
126	(2) The board of trustees of a water conservancy district may not collect property tax
127	revenue [in a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2015,] that would exceed the certified
128	tax rate under Section 59-2-924 [unless]:
129	(a) in a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2015, unless:
130	[(a)] (i) the members of the board of trustees are all elected officials;
131	[(b)] (ii) the majority of the board of trustees are elected officials; or
132	[(c)] (iii) the proposed tax levy has previously been approved by:
133	[(i)] (A) a majority of the water conservancy district voters at an election held for that
134	purpose on a date specified in Section 20A-1-204; or
135	[(ii)] (B) for a district described in Subsection 17B-2a-1005(2)(b), the appointing
136	authority[-]; or
137	(b) in a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2017, unless:
138	(i) the members of the board of trustees are all elected officials; or
139	(ii) the proposed tax levy was previously approved by a majority of the water
140	conservancy district voters at an election held for that purpose on a date specified in Section
141	<u>20A-1-204.</u>
142	Section 4. Effective date.
143	This bill takes effect on January 1, 2017.

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