

PUBLIC FINANCE
Fire protection special taxing district creation authorized

March 16, 2021

	Yes	No
DOR Administrative Cost/Savings		X

Department of Revenue
 Analysis of H.F. 0978 (Becker-Finn) / S.F. 1367 (Coleman) as introduced

	Fund Impact			
	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
	(000's)			
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Effective the day following final enactment.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

Under current law, legislative approval is required to create special fire protection and emergency medical service districts.

The proposal would allow for the creation of special taxing districts to provide fire protection and/or emergency medical services without legislative approval. Districts would have the authority to levy and/or incur debt.

REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL

- The proposal is assumed to not impact the state general fund. If this bill led to the creation of additional special taxing districts to provide fire protection and/or emergency medical services, it is assumed the property tax levies used to fund these districts would be shifted from the current general levies of the local jurisdictions.
- It is possible the change in levy authority would lead to lower or higher levies for property tax payers.

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue
 Property Tax Division - Research Unit
<https://www.revenue.state.mn.us/revenue-analyses>

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PROPERTY TAX BENCHMARKS (Minn. Stat. § 270C.991)

<i>Transparency, Understandability, Simplicity & Accountability</i>	Neutral
<i>Efficiency & Compliance</i>	Neutral
<i>Equity (Vertical & Horizontal)</i>	Neutral
<i>Stability & Predictability</i>	Neutral
<i>Competitiveness for Businesses</i>	Neutral
<i>Responsiveness to Economic Conditions</i>	Neutral

The bill is scored on a three point scale (decrease, neutral, increase) for each principle in comparison to current law.