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SENATE BILL NO. 250

Introduced by: Senators Symens, Duxbury, and Halverson and Representatives Hanson, Cutler, Haley, and Jaspers

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide special assessment authority to ambulance 2 districts. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: 3 4 Section 1. That § 34-11A-16 be amended to read as follows: 5 34-11A-16. The board of directors shall have has the following general powers: 6 (1) To determine upon a general ambulance service program for the district; 7 (2) To manage and conduct the business affairs of the district; 8 (3) To make and execute contracts in the name of and on behalf of the district; (4) To purchase or lease such ambulance equipment, supplies, and other real or personal 10 property as shall may be necessary and proper to carry out the ambulance service 11 program of the district; 12 To incur indebtedness on behalf of the district within the limits prescribed by (5) 13 § 34-11A-24, and to authorize the issuance of evidences of such the indebtedness 14 permitted under this subdivision, and to pledge any real or personal property owned 15 or acquired by the district as security for the same; 16 (6) To organize, establish, equip, maintain, and supervise an ambulance service to serve - 2 - SB 250

- 1 the district;
- 2 (7) Generally to perform all acts necessary to fully carry out the purposes of this chapter:
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- 4 (8) To levy a tax and a special assessment as provided by this chapter.
- 5 Section 2. That § 34-11A-18 be amended to read as follows:
- 6 34-11A-18. The board of directors may:
- 7 (1) Make make an annual estimate of the probable expense for carrying out the ambulance service program for the district;
- 9 (2) Annually The board of directors shall, by resolution, certify such the estimate to the
 10 proper county auditor in the manner provided by § 34-11A-19. The resolution shall
 11 state if the estimate shall be paid by a general tax levy against all taxable real property
 12 located within the district, by a special assessment against the real property within the
 13 district that is specifically benefited by the project, or by both a general tax levy and
 14 a special assessment with a portion to be paid by each.
 - Section 3. That § 34-11A-19 be amended to read as follows:
 - 34-11A-19. The estimate provided by § 34-11A-18 shall be certified by the president and secretary to the proper county auditor or county auditors, on or before June thirtieth of each year, who shall levy a tax not to exceed one dollar per thousand dollars of taxable valuation of the property within the district for the maintenance of the ambulance district for the fiscal year as provided by law.
- 21 Section 4. That § 34-11A-20 be amended to read as follows:
 - 34-11A-20. No tax in excess of sixty cents per thousand dollars of taxable valuation upon the property within an ambulance district may be levied for such district pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. The amount of money received from the tax levy on all property within the district plus the amount of money received from the imposition of any special

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1 <u>assessment within the district may not exceed the amount which would be raised by a general tax</u>

- 2 <u>levy of sixty cents per thousand dollars upon all property within an ambulance district.</u>
- In no case may the amount of tax levy exceed the amount of funds required to defray the
- 4 expenses of the district for a period of one year as embraced in the annual estimate of expenses
- 5 including the amount of principal and interest upon the indebtedness of the district for the
- 6 ensuing year.
- However, any no district organized pursuant to this chapter is not subject to any general
- 8 county levy for ambulance service.
- 9 Section 5. That § 34-11A-21 be amended to read as follows:
- 10 34-11A-21. The tax <u>and the special assessment</u> shall be collected as other taxes <u>and special</u>
- 11 <u>assessments</u> are collected in the county.
- 12 Section 6. That § 34-11A-22 be amended to read as follows:
- 13 34-11A-22. The tax <u>and the special assessment</u> shall be deposited with the secretary-treasurer
- of the ambulance district, who shall have a surety bond in the amount of at least five thousand
- 15 dollars.