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 15 the levies imposed for bond sinking and interest funds, poor  
 16 fund, emergency fund, or any levies not countywide, or to  
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 18 all-purpose levy.

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 11 excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) with a life  
 12 expectancy of five (5) years or more; provided that a  
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