

House Bill 375

In The House

January 20, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government.
February 10, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass.
February 11, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 12, 1981	Second reading do pass.
	Second reading segregated.
February 13, 1981	Second reading pass consideration until 36th legislative day.
February 14, 1981	Second reading pass consideration until 38th legislative day.
February 17, 1981	Second reading do pass as amended.
February 19, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 20, 1981	Third reading passed.

In The Senate

February 21, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Local Government.
March 30, 1981	Committee recommend bill not concurred.

In The House

March 31, 1981	Returned from Senate not concurred.
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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 1375
2 INTRODUCED BY Anderson Seal HARP-Jackson
3 Dunnigan Steve Brown Hoffman Lee
4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT
5 TRUSTEES OF FIRE DISTRICTS ESTABLISHED IN ANY
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7 LEASES AND PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND MAY ESTABLISH RESERVE
8 FUNDS TO PROVIDE FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, HOUSING,
9 AND FACILITIES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE DISTRICT; AMENDING
10 SECTION 7-33-2105, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE
11 DATE."

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18 adequate and standard firefighting apparatus, equipment,

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21 housing, and facilities by such reasonable and lawful means
22 as considered advisable, including but not limited to
23 purchase contracts, leases, and leases with option to
24 purchase, in each case for a term of not more than 10 years,
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(3) The trustees shall prepare annual budgets and request special levies therefor. The budgets may provide for annual payments into a reserve fund for future acquisition of firefighting apparatus, equipment, housing, and facilities. The budget laws relating to county budgets shall, as far as applicable, apply to fire districts."

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INTRODUCED BILL

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Approved by Comm.
on Local Government

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-2- SECOND READING

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NEUMAN, S. BROWN, HAZELBAKER, LEE

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9 of SPECIFIC ITEMS OF firefighting apparatus, equipment,
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11 RESERVE FUNDS SHALL BE HELD IN AN INTEREST BEARING FORM
12 UNTIL UTILIZED FOR THE DESIGNATED PURPOSE, AND ALL INTEREST
13 EARNED SHALL BE ADDED TO THE RESERVE FUND. SUCH RESERVE FUND
14 MAY BE ACCUMULATED SIMULTANEOUSLY FOR THE PURCHASE OF MORE
15 THAN ONE SUCH ITEM, PROVIDED THAT THE TOTAL TO BE BUDGETED
16 FOR THE RESERVE FUND EACH YEAR SHALL NOT EXCEED 33 1/3% OF
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