

HOUSE BILL NO. 897

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 2 INTRODUCED BY Winnand
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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 6 MILL LEVIES COLLECTED BY COUNTIES HAVING STATE-ASSUMED
 7 GENERAL ASSISTANCE BE DEPOSITED IN THE STATE GENERAL FUND;
 8 AMENDING SECTION 53-2-813, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
 9 DATE."

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 11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

12 Section 1. Section 53-2-813, MCA, is amended to read:
 13 "53-2-813. Mill levy for counties transferring public
 14 assistance and protective services. (1) (a) Except as
 15 provided in subsection (1)(b), for the purpose of this part,
 16 12 mills must be levied annually in those counties opting
 17 for state assumption.

18 (b) A county that levied an amount less than 12 mills
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 20 must levy an equivalent amount to the poor fund mill levy
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 22 mills, not to exceed a total of 12 mills, less a mill levy
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 24 during fiscal year 1982 for the building or operation of a
 25 medical facility. The reduced mill levy exception provided

1 in this subsection (1)(b) continues in effect until June 30,
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4 (2) The proceeds of the mill levy established in
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 8 not exceed 12 mills, notwithstanding actual expenditures
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10 (3) For a county retaining or reassuming operational
 11 responsibility for medical assistance or monetary payments
 12 to needy persons as provided in 53-2-812, the levy provided
 13 in subsection (1) must be reduced by the mill levy
 14 equivalent expended by that county or the department for
 15 such purposes in the fiscal year immediately preceding the
 16 option to retain or reassume such responsibility."

17 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. This act is
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