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House BILL NO. 113

INTRODUCED BY

James Galt

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(2) The board of county commissioners or the trustees, if the district is governed by trustees, may pledge the income of the district, subject to the requirements and limitations of 7-33-2105(3), to secure financing necessary to procure equipment and buildings to house the equipment.

~~(2)~~(3) In addition to the levy authorized in subsection (1), a ~~rural fire~~ district may borrow money by the issuance of bonds to provide funds for the payment of all or part of the cost of buying or maintaining fire protection facilities and apparatus, including emergency response apparatus, for the district.

~~(3)~~(4) The amount of debt incurred pursuant to subsection (2) and the amount of bonds issued pursuant to subsection ~~(2)~~(3) and outstanding at any time may not exceed 18% of the taxable value of the property in the district as ascertained by the most recent assessment for state and county taxes prior to the incurrence of debt or the issuance of the bonds.

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