

**19-3612d. Same; tax levies in certain counties; use of proceeds; limitation; election.** The governing body of a fire district created under the provisions of K.S.A. 19-3601 et seq., located in any county having a population of less than one hundred thousand (100,000) and an assessed tangible valuation of more than two hundred twenty-five million dollars (\$225,000,000) or located in any county having a population of more than three hundred thousand (300,000) is hereby authorized to make expenditures from the proceeds of a levy made pursuant to K.S.A. 19-3610 in the current budget year for the purposes of compensation of the fire district employees and other general operating expenses. All expenditures heretofore made for such purposes from the proceeds of tax levies under the provisions of such section are hereby authorized and ratified.

The governing body of such fire district shall have the power to levy a tax of not to exceed nine (9) mills upon all taxable tangible property in the district for the purpose of paying compensation to fire district employees, the expenses of operating and maintaining a fire department and other legal expenses of the fire district. Before any such levy is made, notice of the intended levy shall be made once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the fire district. If within thirty (30) days after the last publication of the notice, a petition signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the qualified electors in the fire district is filed in the office of the county election officer requesting an election thereon no levy shall be made unless the question of the levy shall be submitted to and approved by a majority of the voters of the fire district voting at an election called by the governing body. Such election shall be called and held in the manner provided under the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120.

The governing body of such fire district may, whenever it is authorized by a majority of the electors of the fire district voting at an election thereon, levy a tax of more than nine (9) mills but not more than eleven (11) mills in any year upon the taxable tangible property within such district for the purpose of paying compensation to fire district employees, the expenses of operating and maintaining a fire department and other legal expenses of the fire district. Such election shall be called and held in the manner provided under the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120.

**History:** L. 1980, ch. 83, § 1; May 16.