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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4752

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4752 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Downstate Forest Preserve District Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 13.1 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 805/13.1) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 6324)

7 Sec. 13.1. Tax levies. After the first Monday in October  
8 and by the first Monday in December in each year, the board  
9 shall levy the general taxes for the district by general  
10 categories for the next fiscal year. A certified copy of the  
11 levy ordinance shall be filed with the county clerk by the last  
12 Tuesday in December each year.

13 In forest preserve districts with a population of less than  
14 3,000,000, the amount of taxes levied for general corporate  
15 purposes for a fiscal year may not exceed the rate of .06% of  
16 the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of

1 Revenue, of the taxable property therein. In addition, in  
2 forest preserve districts having a population of 100,000 or  
3 more but less than 3,000,000, the board may levy taxes for  
4 constructing, restoring reconditioning, reconstructing and  
5 acquiring improvements and for the development of the forests  
6 and lands of such district, the amount of which tax each fiscal  
7 year shall be extended at a rate not to exceed .025% of the  
8 assessed value of all taxable property as equalized by the  
9 Department of Revenue. Notwithstanding any other provision of  
10 this Act, in a forest preserve district that is adjacent to any  
11 portion of the Rock River, and is within a county that is  
12 bordered by a county with a forest preserve district that is  
13 adjacent to any portion of the Rock River, the amount of taxes  
14 levied for general corporate purposes for a fiscal year may not  
15 exceed the rate of .15% of the value, as equalized or assessed  
16 by the Department of Revenue, of the taxable property therein.

17 All such taxes and rates are exclusive of the taxes  
18 required for the payment of the principal of and interest on  
19 bonds, and exclusive of taxes levied for employees' annuity and  
20 benefit purposes.

21 The rate of tax levied for general corporate purposes in a  
22 forest preserve district may not be increased by virtue of this  
23 amendatory Act of 1977 unless the board first adopts a  
24 resolution authorizing such increase and publishes notice  
25 thereof in a newspaper having general circulation in the  
26 district at least once not less than 45 days prior to the

1 effective date of the increase. The notice shall include a  
2 statement of (1) the specific number of voters required to sign  
3 a petition requesting that the question of the adoption of the  
4 resolution be submitted to the electors of the district; (2)  
5 the time in which the petition must be filed; and (3) the date  
6 of the prospective referendum. The Secretary of the district  
7 shall provide a petition form to any individual requesting one.  
8 If, no later than 30 days after the publication of such notice,  
9 petitions signed by voters of the district equal to 10% or more  
10 of the registered voters of the district, as determined by  
11 reference to the number of voters registered at the next  
12 preceding general election, and residing in the district are  
13 presented to the board expressing opposition to the increase,  
14 the proposition must first be certified by the board to the  
15 proper election officials, who shall submit the proposition to  
16 the legal voters of the district at an election in accordance  
17 with the general election law and approved by a majority of  
18 those voting on the proposition.

19 The rate of the tax levied for general corporate purposes  
20 in a forest preserve district may be increased, up to the  
21 maximum rate identified in this Section, by the Board by a  
22 resolution calling for the submission of the question of  
23 increasing the rate to the voters of the district in accordance  
24 with the general election law. The question must be in  
25 substantially the following form:

26 "Shall (name of district) be authorized to establish

1 its general corporate tax rate at (insert rate) on the  
2 equalized assessed value on taxable property located  
3 within the district for its general purposes, including  
4 education, outdoor recreation, maintenance, operations,  
5 public safety at the forest preserves, trails, and other  
6 properties of the district (and, optionally, insert any  
7 other lawful purposes or programs determined by the Board).

8 The ballot must have printed on it, but not as part of the  
9 proposition submitted, the following: "The approximate impact  
10 of the proposed increase on the owner of a single-family home  
11 having a market value of (insert value) would be (insert  
12 amount) in the first year of the increase if the increase is  
13 fully implemented." The ballot may have printed on it, but not  
14 as part of the proposition, one or both of the following: "The  
15 last tax rate extended for the purposes of the district was  
16 (insert rate). The last rate increase approved for the purposes  
17 of the district was in (insert year)." No other information  
18 needs to be included on the ballot.

19 The votes must be recorded as "Yes" or "No".

20 If a majority of the electors voting on the question vote  
21 in the affirmative, the district may thereafter levy the tax.

22 This Section does not apply to a forest preserve district  
23 established under Section 18.5 of the Conservation District  
24 Act.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-617, eff. 8-18-05.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.".