

**PUBLIC FINANCE**  
**Fire protection special taxing district creation authorized**

February 23, 2021

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
DOR Administrative Cost/Savings		X

Department of Revenue

Analysis of H.F. 0978 (Becker-Finn) as proposed to be amended by H0978A1

	<b>Fund Impact</b>			
	<b>FY2022</b>	<b>FY2023</b>	<b>FY2024</b>	<b>FY2025</b>
	(000's)			
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Effective the day following final enactment.

**EXPLANATION OF THE BILL**

Under current law, legislative approval is required to create special fire protection and emergency medical service districts.

The proposal would allow for the creation of special taxing districts to provide fire protection and/or emergency medical services without legislative approval. Districts would have the authority to levy and/or incur debt.

**REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL**

- The proposal is assumed to not impact the state general fund. If this bill led to the creation of additional special taxing districts to provide fire protection and/or emergency medical services, it is assumed the property tax levies used to fund these districts would be shifted from the current general levies of the local jurisdictions.
- It is possible the change in levy authority would lead to lower or higher levies for property tax payers.

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue  
 Property Tax Division - Research Unit  
[www.revenue.state.mn.us/research\\_stats/pages/revenue-analyses.aspx](http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/research_stats/pages/revenue-analyses.aspx)

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**PROPERTY TAX BENCHMARKS (Minn. Stat. § 270C.991)**

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<i>Transparency, Understandability, Simplicity &amp; Accountability</i>	Neutral
<i>Efficiency &amp; Compliance</i>	Neutral
<i>Equity (Vertical &amp; Horizontal)</i>	Neutral
<i>Stability &amp; Predictability</i>	Neutral
<i>Competitiveness for Businesses</i>	Neutral
<i>Responsiveness to Economic Conditions</i>	Neutral

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*The bill is scored on a three point scale (decrease, neutral, increase) for each principle in comparison to current law.*