

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0084

Conservation district levy.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Eklund, Larsen, McKim,
Moniz and Zwonitzer, Dn. and Senator(s)
Christensen, Driskill, Emerich and Hicks

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to conservation districts; providing for
2 elections for the imposition of both a general conservation
3 tax and a water specific purpose tax; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-16-133(a) and 11-16-134(c) (intro)
9 are amended to read:

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11 **11-16-133. Tax levied on property in district;**
12 **maximum amount; soil and water conservation fund; other**
13 **appropriation authorized.**

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1 (a) Subject to W.S. 11-16-134, the county
2 commissioners may annually levy a tax to carry out this
3 act. The tax shall be levied upon all property in the
4 district and shall not exceed one (1) mill on each one
5 dollar (\$1.00) of assessed valuation for a general
6 conservation tax and one (1) mill on each one dollar
7 (\$1.00) of assessed valuation for a water specific purpose
8 tax. The tax is not part of the general county or city
9 mill levies. The tax shall be levied and collected as
10 other county taxes and the county treasurer shall remit the
11 taxes collected to the district to a separate fund to be
12 known as the general conservation district fund or the
13 water specific purpose fund, which funds shall be used only
14 to carry out the purposes of this act.

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16 **11-16-134. Imposition of tax; vote of electors**
17 **required.**

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19 (c) Subject to the limitation of subsection (b) of
20 this section, the proposition to impose a tax under this
21 act shall be submitted on an election date authorized under
22 W.S. 22-21-103, or by mail ballot pursuant to W.S.
23 22-29-115 and 22-29-116. A notice of election shall be

1 given by the county clerk in at least one (1) newspaper of
2 general circulation published in the county wherein the
3 election is to be held and shall specify the object of the
4 election for a general conservation tax, a water specific
5 purpose tax or both taxes separately. The notice shall be
6 published at least once each week for a thirty (30) day
7 period preceding the election. At the election the ballots
8 for the general conservation tax shall contain the words
9 "for the conservation district tax" and "against the
10 conservation district tax" and the ballots for the water
11 specific purpose tax shall contain the words "for the
12 conservation, development, utilization, flood prevention
13 and disposal of water within the district" and "against the
14 conservation, development, utilization, flood prevention
15 and disposal of water within the district". Upon the
16 initial submission of either the general conservation
17 district tax or the water specific purpose tax, or any
18 renewal thereof, after July 1, 1995, the conservation
19 district board of supervisors shall choose one (1) of the
20 following options and the words of the chosen option shall
21 be clearly printed in the appropriate area on the election
22 ballot:

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