

Amendments to Senate Bill No. 145
3rd Reading Copy

Requested by Representative Ron Erickson
For the House Natural Resources Committee

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1. Title, line 16.
Following: "WILDFIRE;"
Insert: "ESTABLISHING A FORMULA FOR DETERMINING ASSESSMENTS FOR
FIRE PROTECTION;"

2. Page 9, line 16.
Strike: "\$30"
Insert: "\$45"

3. Page 9, line 17.
Strike: the first "20"
Insert: "25"

4. Page 14, following line 16.
Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 33. Formula to set landowner assessments for fire protection. (1) The department shall, pursuant to 76-13-207, set the annual fire assessment fee due from landowners pursuant to Title 76, chapter 13, parts 1 and 2. The total of all statewide landowner assessments may be no greater than one-third of the amount appropriated by the legislature to fund the protection costs.

(2) The individual assessments must be established using the following criteria:

(a) Each person or corporation who is responsible for fire protection pursuant to 76-13-108 and 76-13-201 and for whom the department provides fire protection must be assessed a per capita landowner fee. The total per capita landowner assessments statewide from persons or corporations who own 20 acres or less of land for which the department provides protection must be as close as administratively possible to 60% of the total private landowner assessments.

(b) A person or corporation who owns more than 20 acres of land for which the department provides protection shall, in addition to the fee assessed pursuant to subsection (2) (a), pay a per-acre fee for each whole acre that the person owns in excess of 20 acres. The total of all assessments statewide from persons or corporations that own more than 20 acres must be as close as administratively possible to 40% of the total private landowner assessments.

(3) (a) Except as provided in subsection (3) (b), the per

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capita and per-acre fees must remain in effect for subsequent years.

(b) The department shall reset the per capita and per-acre fees whenever it is necessary to obtain up to one-third of the amount appropriated by the legislature.

(c) Whenever the department resets the fees pursuant to subsection (3)(b), it shall do so in accordance with 76-13-201(2)."

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 34. {standard} Codification instruction. [Section 33] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 76, chapter 13, part 2, and the provisions of Title 76, chapter 13, part 2, apply to [section 33]."

Renumber: subsequent section

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