

## HOUSE BILL No. 2415

By Committee on Taxation

3-17

1 AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to consolidated fire  
2 districts, powers and duties of the governing body; amending K.S.A.  
3 2014 Supp. 12-3915 and repealing the existing section.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-3915 is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows: 12-3915. The governing body of any fire district created pursuant  
8 to this act shall have the authority to:

9 (a) Levy taxes and special assessments as provided by law. Except as  
10 provided by K.S.A. 12-3913, and amendments thereto, the governing body  
11 shall fix the amount of the tax, ~~not to exceed 15 mills~~, to be levied upon all  
12 taxable tangible property in the consolidated fire district;

13 (b) enter into contracts;

14 (c) acquire and dispose of real and personal property;

15 (d) acquire, construct, reconstruct, equip, operate, maintain and  
16 furnish buildings to house fire-fighting equipment;

17 (e) acquire, operate and maintain fire-fighting equipment;

18 (f) issue general obligation bonds and no-fund warrants;

19 (g) pay compensation and salaries to fire district employees;

20 (h) exercise eminent domain;

21 (i) pay the operation and maintenance expenses of the fire district and  
22 other expenses legally incurred by the district;

23 (j) select regular employees, provide for their compensation and  
24 furnish quarters for such employees if deemed desirable;

25 (k) provide for the organization of volunteer members who may be  
26 compensated for fighting fires, responding to emergencies or attending  
27 meetings;

28 (l) provide special clothing and equipment for such employees and  
29 volunteers;

30 (m) insure such employees and volunteers against accidental death  
31 and injury in the performance of their duties;

32 (n) pay for the acquisition, installation or maintenance of one or more  
33 fire hydrants, or similar devices for fighting fires, including necessary  
34 equipment, services or supplies related thereto.

35 The acquisition, installation and maintenance shall be subject to the  
36 mutual agreement of the governing body of the fire district and the

1 governing body of the rural water district which owns, operates or  
2 maintains the water line on which the fire hydrant, or other similar device  
3 for fighting fires, is to be installed; and

4 (o) do all things necessary or desirable to maintain and operate such  
5 department so as to furnish fire protection for the inhabitants of the district  
6 and otherwise effectuate the purposes of this act.

7 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-3915 is hereby repealed.

8 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
9 publication in the statute book.