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Bill Analysis

HB 1992 creates the Oklahoma Public Safety Protection District Act. The measure authorizes the governing body of a municipality to initiate the creation of a public safety district via a resolution calling for the question to be placed before the voters of the municipality at the next general election. The costs of the election shall be paid in a proportionate manner by the municipality as deemed necessary by the State Board of Elections. The election shall be conducted in a manner similar to other municipal questions. If the question is approved by 60% of the voters casting a vote in the election, the district shall have the powers and duties conferred by the Act. A majority of voters may dissolve the district at the next election called for that purpose by the governing body of the municipality.

The district may levy up to 5 mils on certain types of property to pay for medical services, municipal employees, purchase equipment, and purchase vehicles. The 5 mil assessment shall not be levied on property zoned for agricultural or industrial land use, livestock employed in support of the family, personal property owned by agricultural business entities, and public service corporations. Every assessment levied under the authority of the Oklahoma Public Safety Protection District Act shall be a lien against the tract of land on which it has been levied. Delinquent assessments may have a penalty assessed on the property for up to 18% interest. All assessments and penalties collected or received by the county treasurer shall be paid to the municipal treasurers for the benefit of the public safety protection district.