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Research Analysis

The committee substitute to HB 1921 creates the Oklahoma Hazard Mitigation Assessment District Act, which allows counties to create a hazard mitigation assessment district if approved by more than 60 percent of voters in the county. Once established, a seven member Hazard Mitigation District Trust Authority is to be created to administer the assessment districts.

The measure authorizes the levying of an annual assessment no greater than two mills on the dollar. Assessment proceeds are to be used for capital acquisitions and capital improvements as well as to provide any funding or training needed to complete hazard mitigation projects. Land assessed for certain agricultural purposes, government-owned properties, and nonprofit properties are exempt from the annual assessments. Unless renewed by voters of the county, the annual assessment is to end five years after passage.

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure allows counties to vote for and approve Hazard Mitigation Districts and Hazard Mitigation District Trust Authorities to manage the Districts. As this is all being done at the county level and funded by an increase to ad valorem assessment to certain properties, there should be no fiscal or revenue impact to the state.

Additionally, the elections will be held at the county level, and the State Elections Board does not believe the measure will create an impact for the Board. Therefore, there should be no impact to the state from this measure.

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Other Considerations

While the measure will not affect the State Elections Board, it will affect the election boards in counties where such election takes place. The State Elections Board believes the costs to counties are estimated at around one hundred seventy thousand (\$170,000) for large sized counties, twelve thousand (\$12,000) for medium size counties, and four to five thousand (\$4,000-\$5,000) for smaller sized counties.

Additionally counties will have the additional cost of maintaining and funding the Hazard Mitigation Districts, that should be off-set by the raise by up to two (2) mills on certain property types.

