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# An Act

SENATE BILL 09-105

BY SENATOR(S) Gibbs, Bacon, Foster, Heath, Newell;  
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Scanlan, Gerou, Merrifield, Schafer S., Vigil.

CONCERNING REMOVAL OF THE STATUTORY LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT THAT  
MAY BE RAISED IN A SINGLE YEAR BY A SPECIAL PROPERTY TAX  
LEVIED BY A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF FIGHTING SPECIFIED TYPES OF FIRES IN A COUNTY.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** 30-10-513, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

**30-10-513. Sheriff in charge of forest or prairie fire - expenses.**

It is the duty of the sheriff, undersheriffs, and deputies, in case of any forest or prairie fire, to assume charge thereof or to assist other governmental authorities in such emergencies for controlling or extinguishing such fires, and, for assisting in so doing, they may call to their aid such person as they may deem necessary. The state forester may assume the duty with concurrence of the sheriff. The board of county commissioners of any county may allow the sheriff, undersheriffs, deputies, municipal or county fire departments, fire protection districts, fire authorities, and such other persons as may be called to assist in controlling or extinguishing such fires

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

such compensation and other expenses necessarily incurred as it may deem just. The board of county commissioners of any county in this state may make such appropriation as it may deem proper for the purpose of controlling fires in its county. The board of county commissioners is authorized to levy a special tax subject to approval of the voters upon every dollar of valuation of assessment of the taxable property within the county for the purpose of creating a fund that shall be appropriated, after consultation with representatives of fire departments, fire protection districts, and fire authorities in the county, to prevent, control, or extinguish such fires anywhere in the county and to fix the rate of levy. ~~except that the amount raised from the levy in any one year is limited to the amount raised by one mill or five hundred thousand dollars, whichever is less.~~

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,

determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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