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HOUSE BILL 900

Short Title: Gates County Fire Protection.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representative Hunter.

Referred to: Local Government II.

April 1, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT ALLOWING GATES COUNTY TO IMPOSE FEES FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 11 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 153A-236.1. County fire protection fees.

(a) The board of county commissioners of a county may by ordinance impose a fee for the availability and use of fire protection services within the county. The fee imposed by the county shall not exceed the cost of providing the fire protection services.

(b) A county may adopt an ordinance providing that any fee imposed under subsection (a) of this section may be billed with property taxes, may be payable in the same manner as property taxes, and, in the case of nonpayment, may be collected in any manner by which delinquent personal or real property taxes can be collected. If an ordinance states that delinquent fees can be collected in the same manner as delinquent real property taxes, the fees are a lien on the real property described on the bill that includes the fee."

Section 2. This act applies to Gates County only.

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.