

LEGISLATIVE BILL 664

Approved by the Governor May 24, 2021

Introduced by Groene, 42; McDonnell, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Mutual Finance Assistance Fund; to amend section 35-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change distributions from the fund as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 35-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, is amended to read:

35-1206 (1)(a) (1) Rural and suburban fire protection districts or mutual finance organizations which qualify for assistance under section 35-1205 shall receive ten dollars times the assumed population of the fire protection district or mutual finance organization as calculated in subsection (3) of such section plus the population of any city of the first class that is part of the district or mutual finance organization, not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars for any one district or mutual finance organization; -

(b) Each village or city of the second class that is a member of a mutual finance organization which qualifies for assistance under section 35-1205 shall receive ten thousand dollars; and

(c) Each rural or suburban fire protection district which qualifies for assistance under section 32-1205 shall receive ten thousand dollars, regardless of whether such district is a member in a mutual finance organization which qualifies for assistance under section 32-1205.

(2) If the district or mutual finance organization is located in more than one county and meets the threshold for qualification in subsection (1) or (2) of section 35-1205 in one of such counties, the district or mutual finance organization shall receive assistance under this section for all of its assumed population, including that which is assumed population in counties for which the threshold is not reached by the district or mutual finance organization.

(3) (2) If a mutual finance organization qualifies for assistance under this section and one or more rural or suburban fire protection districts or cities or villages fail to levy a tax rate that complies with subsection (1) of section 35-1204, as required under the mutual finance organization agreement, the mutual finance organization shall be disqualified for assistance in the following year and each subsequent year until the year following any year for which all districts and cities and villages in the mutual finance organization levy a tax rate that complies with subsection (1) of section 35-1204, as required by a mutual finance organization agreement.

Sec. 2. Original section 35-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, is repealed.