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CHAPTER 74—S.F.No.587

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the Rice creek watershed district; authorizing an ad valorem tax for certain purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT; TAX LEVY; ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE FUND LEVY. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Rice creek watershed district is authorized, in addition to all powers it now possesses, to establish an administrative fund. This fund shall be maintained by an annual ad valorem tax levy on each dollar of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the Rice creek watershed district sufficient to raise an amount each year of up to, but not to exceed, an amount of \$125,000. This levy is in lieu of, not in addition to, the administrative levy contained in Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 112.61, Subdivision 3 for the Rice creek watershed district. The funds shall be used for general administrative expenses and for the construction and maintenance of projects of common benefit to the district. The managers may make an annual levy for this fund as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 112.611.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective upon approval by a majority of the board of managers of the Rice creek watershed district, and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

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CHAPTER 75—S.F.No.588

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An act relating to the Rice creek watershed district; providing for the establishment of a district water maintenance and repair fund; authorizing a tax levy for water maintenance and repair purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. RICE CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT; WATER MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FUND; CREATION OF FUND; TAX LEVY. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the Rice creek watershed district is hereby authorized and empowered, in addition to

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all powers it now possesses, to establish a fund to be known as the water maintenance and repair fund which shall be kept distinct from all other funds of the Rice creek watershed district. This fund shall be maintained by an annual ad valorem tax levy on each dollar of assessed valuation of all taxable property within the Rice creek watershed district sufficient to raise an amount in the first year following enactment of this legislation of up to \$30,000 and thereafter in subsequent years an amount of up to \$15,000. The board of managers of the district shall adopt each year by resolution the amount to be raised by mill levy for the fund for the ensuing year, which amount shall then be levied, collected and distributed to the district in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 112.611, and is in addition to any other monies levied, collected and distributed to the district thereby.

Sec. 2. PURPOSE OF FUND. The water maintenance and repair fund may be used for any maintenance, repair, restoration, upkeep and rehabilitation of any public ditch, drain, dams, sewer, river, stream, watercourse, and waterbody, natural or artificial, lying wholly or partly within the district. Any works performed in accordance with the purposes of this act may include, but is not limited to, stream and watercourse clean up and maintenance and stream and watercourse bank and bed repair and stabilization.

Sec. 3. WORKS; MUNICIPALITIES. Any works to be undertaken and paid for from the water maintenance and repair fund under this act shall be ordered by the board of managers of the Rice creek watershed district according to law. Before the commencement of any works so ordered, any affected municipality shall be notified in writing by the Rice creek watershed district about the proposed works and estimated costs. Within 30 days following receipt of such written notice, any affected municipalities may notify the district in writing that it will perform the works ordered by the district. If the municipality undertakes such works, it shall be paid as previously prescribed by the district from the water maintenance and repair fund. If any affected municipality fails to perform any works ordered by the board of managers, the district may have such works performed in any other manner as authorized by law.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective upon approval by a majority of the board of managers of the Rice creek watershed district, and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

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