



**House  
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**ALLOW COUNTIES TO LEVY TAX  
FOR SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

**House Bill 5792**

**Sponsor: Rep. Howard Wetters**

**Committee: Agriculture**

**Complete to 5-13-98**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5792 AS INTRODUCED 4-28-98**

The bill would amend Public Act 156 of 1851, which enumerates the powers and duties of general law counties, to allow counties organized under the act to levy a property tax of up to one mill for up to 20 years to fund a soil conservation district. A county board of commissioners could, by resolution, put the question of levying such a tax before the voters at the next general election or at a special election, or the question could be placed on the ballot upon petition of five percent of the registered voters of the county. The soil conservation district would have to reimburse the county for the costs of a special election.

If a soil conservation district was established in more than one county and the various counties approved different millage rates, all of the counties would levy the lowest approved millage rate for the soil conservation district.

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