## **STATE OF INDIANA**

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE



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## TO: All Fire Protection District Board Members and County Commissioners

FROM: Wesley R. Bennett, Commissioner

**RE:** Fire Protection District Request for a Levy Increase under IC 6-1.1-18-29

DATE: June 19, 2020

The Department of Local Government Finance ("Department") issues this memorandum to provide guidance to fire protection districts that anticipate requesting to increase their property tax rates under IC 6-1.1-18-29, enacted by House Enrolled Act 1065-2020 ("HEA 1065").

Sections 6 of HEA 1065 adds IC 6-1.1-18-29 to provide for a fire protection district to petition the Department to increase the maximum property tax levy for a fire protection district operating fund under IC 36-8-11-18 based on a corresponding property tax rate increase. In order to perform the necessary calculations to find the rate increase, the Department provides the attached worksheet which will function also as a request form. Detailed instructions for completing the worksheet are included.

A district must include with the request form a written statement or resolution from the county legislative body authorizing permission to submit this request.

Please send the request form to the <u>Budget Division Field Representative</u> for the county in which the township resides. HEA 1065 requires submission of the request no later than **July 31, 2020**.