STATE OF INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE



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TO: All Township Officials

FROM: Wesley R. Bennett, Commissioner

RE: Township Requests for a Levy Increase under IC 6-1.1-18-28

DATE: June 19, 2020

The Department of Local Government Finance ("Department") issues this memorandum to provide guidance to townships that anticipate requesting to increase their property tax rates under IC 6-1.1-18-28, enacted by House Enrolled Act 1065-2020 ("HEA 1065").

Sections 5 of HEA 1065 adds IC 6-1.1-18-28 to provide for a township to petition the Department to increase the maximum property tax levy for the township firefighting fund under IC 36-8-13-4 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 township must include with the request form a written statement or resolution from the township board 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**.