

CHAPTER 2024-286

House Bill No. 823

An act relating to the North Okaloosa Fire District, Okaloosa County; amending chapter 2001-333, Laws of Florida, as amended; authorizing the Board of Fire Commissioners of the district to establish a schedule of impact fees for new construction within its jurisdictional boundaries under certain circumstances; providing for use of such impact fees; defining the term “new facilities”; requiring recordkeeping; authorizing agreements with general purpose local governments for certain purposes; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 6 of section 2 of chapter 2001-333, Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2007-311, Laws of Florida, to read:

Section 6. Financial matters.—

(3) IMPACT FEES.—If the general purpose local government has not adopted an impact fee for fire services which is distributed to the district for construction within its jurisdictional boundaries, the board may establish a schedule of impact fees for new construction to pay for the cost of new facilities and equipment, the need for which is in whole or in part the result of new construction. The impact fees collected by the district under this subsection shall be kept separate from other revenues of the district and must be used exclusively to acquire, purchase, or construct new facilities or portions thereof needed to provide fire protection and emergency services to new construction. As used in this subsection, the term “new facilities” means land, buildings, and capital equipment, including, but not limited to, fire and emergency vehicles, radio telemetry equipment, and other firefighting or rescue equipment. The board shall maintain adequate records to ensure that impact fees are expended only for permissible new facilities or equipment. The board may enter into agreements with general purpose local governments to share in the revenues from fire protection impact fees imposed by such governments.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 13, 2024.

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