HB 1344 -- Volunteer Fire Protection Association Fees

Sponsor: Dugger

This bill changes the laws regarding the assessment and collection of volunteer fire protection association fees in Douglas County. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Authorizes the county, after a request by voter petition and upon voter approval by the residents within a volunteer fire protection association's boundaries, to collect association fees by adding the fees to the personal property tax lists of those served by the association. The county will disburse the collected fees to the association;

(2) Requires the annual assessment of association fees against all owners of property within the association's boundaries; and

(3) Authorizes, upon association member voter approval, an increase of up to 0.5% in association fees. A proposal to increase fees cannot be submitted for voter approval unless it has been more than two years from the last increase.