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Substitute House Bill No. 6721

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The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. DAVIS of the 50th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ORDINANCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 33 of number 511 of the special acts of 1929, as
2 amended by section 2 of special act 77-54, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 The district commission shall conduct a public hearing on any
5 proposed ordinance or revision to an ordinance at which parties in
6 interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard. Notice of
7 the time and place of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper
8 having a substantial circulation in the metropolitan district at least
9 twice at intervals of not less than two days, the first not more than
10 fifteen days nor less than ten days before such hearing, and the last not
11 less than two days before such hearing. The proposed ordinance or
12 revision to an ordinance shall be filed in the office of the clerk in each

13 municipality that is a member of the district for public inspection at
14 least ten days before such hearing. The proposed ordinance or revision
15 to an ordinance may be published in full in such newspaper. No
16 ordinance passed by the district board shall take effect until ten days
17 from the passage of such ordinance nor until it has been published
18 twice in one or more daily papers issued within the metropolitan
19 district and the clerk of said district shall cause each ordinance passed
20 by the said district board to be published without unnecessary delay,
21 and a certificate of the district clerk upon the record of such ordinance
22 that the same has been so published shall be prima facie evidence
23 thereof in any suit or proceeding, and no ordinance shall be valid if
24 repugnant to the laws of the state.

25 Sec. 2. Section 34 of number 511 of the special acts of 1929 is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 The district board of the metropolitan district may, from time to
28 time, revise the ordinances of said district combining therein existing
29 ordinances and making such alterations as it may deem necessary. [,
30 which revision, so made, shall be legal and valid without the
31 publication required to be made of new ordinances.]

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1, "before such hearing" was inserted in two places for clarity.

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State and Municipal Impact:

The bill requires the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) to conduct a public hearing on any proposed ordinance and to provide public notice of such hearing. The bill also requires the MDC to make a copy of the proposed ordinance available by filing it in the office of the town clerk in the effected municipalities or by publishing the changes in full in the newspaper. These requirements have no state or municipal fiscal impact.

Background

The Metropolitan District (MDC) is a non-profit municipal corporation chartered by the General Assembly in 1929 to provide potable water and sewage services on a regional basis. The Metropolitan District's eight member towns are Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield, and Windsor.

OLR Bill Analysis

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