



# House of Representatives

**File No. 418**

General Assembly

January Session, 2001

**(Reprint of File No. 70)**

Substitute House Bill No. 6721  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
April 23, 2001

***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 town clerk in  
13 each municipality that is a member of the district for public inspection  
14 at least ten days before such hearing. The proposed ordinance or

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

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:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Affected Agencies:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

**Municipal Impact:**

The bill as amended 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 as amended 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.

House "A" makes a minor change which results in no 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.

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**OLR Amended Bill Analysis**

sHB 6721 (as amended by House A)

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The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze special acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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