



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 288**

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House Bill No. 6475

*House of Representatives, April 12, 2005*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. WALLACE of the 109th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWERS OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-326 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 At such meeting, the voters may establish a district for any or all of  
4 the following purposes: To extinguish fires, to light streets, to plant  
5 and care for shade and ornamental trees, to construct and maintain  
6 roads, sidewalks, crosswalks, drains and sewers, to appoint and  
7 employ watchmen or police officers, to acquire, construct, maintain  
8 and regulate the use of recreational facilities, to plan, lay out, acquire,  
9 construct, reconstruct, repair, maintain, supervise and manage a flood  
10 or erosion control system, to plan, lay out, acquire, construct, maintain,  
11 operate and regulate the use of a community water system, to collect  
12 garbage, ashes and all other refuse matter in any portion of such  
13 district and provide for the disposal of such matter, to implement tick  
14 control measures, to establish a zoning commission and a zoning

15 board of appeals or a planning commission, or both, by adoption of  
 16 chapter 124 or chapter 126, excluding section 8-29, or both chapters, as  
 17 the case may be, which commissions or board shall be dissolved upon  
 18 adoption by the town of subdivision or zoning regulations by the town  
 19 planning or zoning commission; and to adopt building regulations,  
 20 which regulations shall be superseded upon adoption by the town of  
 21 building regulations. Any district may contract with a town, city,  
 22 borough or other district for carrying out any of the purposes for  
 23 which such district was established.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-326

**PD**      *Joint Favorable*

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

**Municipal Impact:**

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 06 \$</b>	<b>FY 07 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	Cost	Minimal	Minimal

**Explanation**

The bill is anticipated to result in a minimal cost to municipalities that choose to establish special taxing districts for the implementation of tick control measures. The cost is associated with the accounting operations of establishing the new taxing district.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWERS OF SPECIAL DISTRICTS****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows special taxing districts to implement tick control measures. The law already allows them to provide a wide range of municipal services, including fire protection, street lighting, road repair, and flood control. It allows them to fund these services by levying property taxes and issuing bonds backed by the taxes and other district revenue. The authority to provide tick control applies to districts operating under the statutes, not to those operating under special acts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****Special Taxing Districts***

Special taxing districts differ based on who created them. Until the 1890s, the legislature created most of the districts by special acts, which it enacted on behalf of the residents of an area that wanted a specific service. This method allowed the legislature to customize the district's powers and structure to suit the residents' needs. In 1893, the legislature enacted statutes allowing residents to establish, organize, and operate districts on their own without requesting special acts.

***Related Bill***

HB 6205 allows voters to establish districts to install highway sound barriers.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 18    Nay 0

