



Senate

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File No. 454

Senate Bill No. 674

Senate, April 4, 2008

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ASSESSORS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 9-198 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 Any town, consolidated town and city or consolidated town and
4 borough may, by town or borough meeting vote, or, in those
5 municipalities in which there is no such meeting, by a two-thirds
6 majority of the members of the legislative body thereof, provide for the
7 election or appointment of one or more but not more than five
8 assessors. Any such municipality may provide for the term of office []
9 of any such assessor, if elected, in addition to the qualifications and
10 compensation of such assessor or assessors, and may establish the
11 number of assessors for whom an elector may vote and may provide
12 for the appointment by the assessor or board of assessors of clerical
13 and other assistance within the limits of the appropriation therefor;
14 provided, if there is more than one assessor, such assessors shall

15 choose one of their number to be chairman of the board of assessors.
16 [Any municipality acting under the provisions of this section may,
17 whenever necessary to the action taken hereunder, provide for the
18 termination of the terms of assessors then in office.] If an assessor is
19 appointed, such assessor shall be sworn to the faithful performance of
20 his or her duties by the clerk of the town and shall continue to serve in
21 such office until removed for good cause.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2008	9-198

GAE *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 chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill requires municipalities to show good cause in the termination of an assessor's term of office and requires appointed assessors to be sworn into service by the town clerk. There is no fiscal impact associated with the bill.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 674*****AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ASSESSORS.*****SUMMARY:**

By law, municipalities may appoint or elect between one and five assessors and provide for their terms of office, among other things. This bill removes municipal authority to terminate either type of assessor without cause. It requires a municipality to show good cause to remove an appointed assessor from office and thus removes its authority to establish such an assessor's term. The bill retains municipal authority to establish an elected assessor's term of office. Finally, the bill requires appointed, but not elected, assessors to be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the town clerk.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2008

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 8 Nay 4 (03/17/2008)