



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 298**

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Senate Bill No. 382

*Senate, March 30, 2009*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. COLEMAN of the 2nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN AND THE CITY OF WATERBURY.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) All the territory of the town of  
2 Watertown situated from the centerline of the Naugatuck River to the  
3 east that lies adjacent to a portion of the northwesterly boundary line  
4 of the city of Waterbury shall become part of the city of Waterbury on  
5 and after the effective date of this section. The northwesterly town line  
6 of the city of Waterbury, on and after the effective date of this section,  
7 that is adjacent to the town of Watertown shall be the center line of the  
8 Naugatuck River as shown on a map entitled "Town Line Adjustment  
9 Between the City of Waterbury and the Town of Watertown,  
10 Waterbury and Watertown, CT, February 12, 2009, Scale 1" - 100',  
11 Prepared by DYMAR, Southbury, CT.", and more particularly  
12 described as follows: Beginning at a point in the existing town line  
13 between Waterbury and Watertown, said point being shown as "Point  
14 'A'" on said map, thence the following courses and distances along the

15 approximate centerline of the Naugatuck River: S47°-09'-16" W a  
16 distance of 288.31 feet to a point; thence S24°-10'-46" W a distance of  
17 261.37 feet to a point; thence S05°-02'-09" W a distance of 170.36 feet to  
18 a point; thence S02°-20'-47" E a distance of 433.36 feet to a point; thence  
19 S05°-51'-47"E a distance of 1124.10 feet to a point; thence S07°-47'-58" W  
20 a distance of 578.50 feet to a point; thence S01° -33'-45" E a distance of  
21 222.74 feet to a point; thence S13°-54'-52" E a distance of 928.75 feet to a  
22 point; thence S32° -36'-56" E a distance of 938.27 feet more or less to a  
23 point in the existing town line between the city of Waterbury and the  
24 town of Watertown, said point being shown as "Point 'B'" on said map.  
25 A copy of said map shall be filed in the office of the town clerk of the  
26 city of Waterbury and the office of the town clerk of the town of  
27 Watertown.

28       Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) All territory of the city of Waterbury  
29 situated from land now or formerly of the New York, New Haven and  
30 Hartford Rail Road Company located at the intersection of the existing  
31 town and county line to the north, and from Conn. Route 73, also  
32 known as Watertown Avenue, to the north, and from the westerly  
33 street line of Falls Avenue to the west that lies adjacent to a portion of  
34 the southerly boundary line of the town of Watertown shall become  
35 part of the town of Watertown on and after July 1, 2009. The town of  
36 Watertown's southerly town line, on and after July 1, 2009, adjacent to  
37 the city of Waterbury shall be as shown on a map entitled "Revised  
38 Town & County Line at Watertown Avenue and Falls Avenue,  
39 prepared by Robert Sager, Licensed Land Surveyor, Number 18831,  
40 Engineering Department, town of Watertown, dated February 6, 2009",  
41 on file as Map # 3-6-1C in the Watertown Department of Public Works,  
42 and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the  
43 southerly boundary line of N/F New York, New Haven & Hartford  
44 Rail Road Company (N.Y. N.H. & H.R.R.) at the intersection of the  
45 Existing Town and County Line, thence northerly along the southerly  
46 line of N.Y. N.H. & H.R.R. along a curve to the left with a radius of  
47 670.28 feet and an arc length of 161.57 feet, to a point, thence northerly  
48 along the southerly line of N.Y. N.H. & H.R.R. a distance of 575.65 feet  
49 on a bearing of N55° -40' -2" E to a point, thence northerly along the

50 southerly line of N.Y. N.H. & H.R.R. along a curve with a radius of  
51 1399.69 feet and an arc length of 94.59 feet, to a point on the northerly  
52 street line of Watertown Avenue (Conn. Route 73), thence southerly  
53 along the northerly street line of Watertown Avenue a distance of  
54 391.50 feet on a bearing of S73° -12' -15" E, to a point, thence southerly  
55 along the northerly street line of Watertown Avenue along a curve to  
56 the right with a radius of 1388.53 feet and an arc length of 250.50 feet,  
57 to a point, thence northerly along the westerly street line of Falls  
58 Avenue a distance of 446.20 feet on a bearing of N18° -46' -25" E to a  
59 point, said point being the intersection of the westerly street line of  
60 Falls Avenue and the existing town and county line between  
61 Waterbury and Watertown. A copy of said map shall be filed in the  
62 office of the town clerk of the town of Watertown and the office of the  
63 town clerk of the city of Waterbury.

64       Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) All of the inhabitants of the territory  
65 that, pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this act, is located  
66 within the city of Waterbury shall have and exercise, and with the  
67 territory so annexed shall enjoy, the same rights, immunities, powers,  
68 privileges and franchises, and be subject to the same duties, liabilities  
69 and obligations in like manner and to the same extent as if said  
70 territory had been originally a part of said city of Waterbury.

71       (b) All of the inhabitants of the territory that, pursuant to the  
72 provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this act, is located within the town of  
73 Watertown, shall have and exercise, and with the territory so annexed  
74 shall enjoy, the same rights, immunities, powers, privileges and  
75 franchises, and be subject to the same duties, liabilities and obligations  
76 in like manner and to the same extent as if said territory had been  
77 originally a part of said town of Watertown.

78       (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 143 of the general  
79 statutes, the registrars of voters of the city of Waterbury and the town  
80 of Watertown shall jointly revise the registry lists of said town and said  
81 city so that (1) the electors of the town of Watertown residing in the  
82 territory that becomes a part of the city of Waterbury pursuant to

83 section 1 of this act become electors of the city of Waterbury, and (2)  
84 the electors of the city of Waterbury residing in the territory that  
85 becomes a part of the town of Watertown pursuant to section 2 of this  
86 act become electors of the town of Watertown.

87 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) (a) All probate business originating  
88 from the territory that, pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of  
89 this act, becomes part of the city of Waterbury commenced in the  
90 probate court for the district of Woodbury prior to the effective date of  
91 this section shall be completed in such district.

92 (b) All probate business originating from the territory that, pursuant  
93 to the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this act, becomes part of the  
94 town of Watertown commenced in the probate court for the district of  
95 Waterbury prior to July 1, 2009, shall be completed in such district.

96 Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) (a) All judicial business originating  
97 from the territory that, pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 and 2 of  
98 this act, becomes part of the city of Waterbury commenced in the  
99 Litchfield judicial district prior to the effective date of this section shall  
100 be completed in such judicial district.

101 (b) All business originating from the territory that, pursuant to the  
102 provisions of sections 1 and 2 of this act, becomes part of the town of  
103 Watertown commenced in the Waterbury judicial district prior to July  
104 1, 2009, shall be completed in such judicial district.

105 Sec. 6. (*Effective from passage and applicable to assessment years*  
106 *commencing on or after October 1, 2008*) (a) Taxes levied on real and  
107 personal property located in the territory that becomes part of the city  
108 of Waterbury, pursuant to sections 1 and 2 of this act, on the grand list  
109 of the town of Watertown for October 1, 2008, payable on July 1, 2009,  
110 or January 1, 2010, shall be collected by the town of Watertown and  
111 deposited in its treasury. All taxes, liens and unpaid taxes from such  
112 grand list and all prior grand lists shall be the property of Watertown,  
113 and said town may collect such taxes in the same manner as if said  
114 territory had not been set off from said town. As of October 1, 2009, the

115 city of Waterbury shall assess and tax said real and personal property  
 116 on the grand list of October 1, 2009, and thereafter in like manner and  
 117 to the same extent as any other property within the city of Waterbury,  
 118 in accordance with the provisions of the general statutes.

119 (b) Taxes levied on real and personal property located in the  
 120 territory that becomes part of the town of Watertown, pursuant to  
 121 sections 1 and 2 of this act, on the grand list of the city of Waterbury on  
 122 October 1, 2008, payable on July 1, 2009, or January 1, 2010, shall be  
 123 collected by the city of Waterbury and deposited in its treasury. All  
 124 taxes, liens and unpaid taxes from such grand list and all prior grand  
 125 lists shall be the property of the city of Waterbury, and said city may  
 126 collect such taxes as if said territory had not been set off from said city.  
 127 As of October 1, 2009, the town of Watertown shall assess and tax said  
 128 real and personal property on the grand list of October 1, 2009, and  
 129 thereafter to the same extent as any other property within the town of  
 130 Watertown, in accordance with the provisions of the general statutes.

131 (c) Any real or personal property tax appeal involving the territory  
 132 or personal property located thereon affected by sections 1 to 6,  
 133 inclusive, of this act pending at the time of the respective boundary  
 134 line changes provided in sections 1 and 2 of this act before the board of  
 135 assessment appeals for either the city of Waterbury or the town of  
 136 Watertown regarding the grand list of October 1, 2008, shall be  
 137 completed in the town assessing such property under such grand list.  
 138 Any decision on any such appeal may be appealed to the Superior  
 139 Court in accordance with the general statutes as if the town line  
 140 changes contained in sections 1 and 2 of this act had not been made.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Sec. 6	<i>from passage and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2008</i>	New section
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**PD**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 10 \$</b>	<b>FY 11 \$</b>
Waterbury; Watertown	STATE MANDATE - Revenue Impact	See Below	See Below

**Explanation**

The bill realigns the boundary line between the town of Watertown and the city of Waterbury, resulting in a revenue impact associated with property taxes paid on the revised municipal land. The impact is anticipated to be significantly similar for each town.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/11/2009)