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Committee Bill No. 382

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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:
(PD)

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 $S02^{\circ}-20'-47''$ E a distance of 433.36 feet to a point; thence
19 $S05^{\circ}-51'-47''$ E a distance of 1124.10 feet to a point; thence $S07^{\circ}-47'-58''$ W
20 a distance of 578.50 feet to a point; thence $S01^{\circ}-33'-45''$ E a distance of
21 222.74 feet to a point; thence $S13^{\circ}-54'-52''$ E a distance of 928.75 feet to a
22 point; thence $S32^{\circ}-36'-56''$ 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 $N55^{\circ}-40'-2''$ 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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