



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 503**

February Session, 2014

Substitute House Bill No. 5541

*House of Representatives, April 10, 2014*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through REP. ROJAS of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE THOMPSONVILLE FIRE DISTRICT.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 1 of number 460 of the special acts of 1935 is  
2 amended to read as follows (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

3 At the annual meeting of the Thompsonville Fire and Sewer District  
4 in June, 1935, three electors of said district shall be chosen by ballot as  
5 a board of fire commissioners. One of said commissioners shall be  
6 chosen to serve until February, 1936, one until February, 1937, and one  
7 until February, 1938, and, at each subsequent annual meeting of said  
8 district to be held as hereinafter provided, one member of said board  
9 shall be elected who shall serve for a term of three years and until his  
10 successor shall be elected. At the annual meeting in May, 2015, two  
11 electors of said district shall be chosen by ballot as additional  
12 commissioners and sworn in immediately thereafter. Said additional  
13 commissioners shall serve terms continuing until May, 2018, and  
14 thereafter shall be elected to serve for terms of three years and until

15 their successors shall be elected. At said annual meeting and annually  
16 thereafter, there shall be elected two auditors for said district who shall  
17 audit the records of the tax collector and treasurer of said district and  
18 report to the succeeding annual district meeting.

19 Sec. 2. Section 4 of number 460 of the special acts of 1935, as  
20 amended by number 161 of the special acts of 1937, number 481 of the  
21 special acts of 1953 and section 1 of special act 09-5, is amended to read  
22 as follows (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

23 (a) The annual district meeting of The Thompsonville Fire District  
24 shall be held on the second or third Thursday of May of each year  
25 beginning May, 1954, and notices of such annual meetings and any  
26 special meetings which may be called shall be made in the manner  
27 prescribed for town meetings. The said Thompsonville Fire District is  
28 created a body politic and corporate by the name of The  
29 Thompsonville Fire District, and through said board of fire  
30 commissioners shall have perpetual succession and shall be a person in  
31 law capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded,  
32 purchasing, holding and conveying real and personal estate requisite  
33 for the purposes of maintaining a department and for the protection of  
34 property within said district from fire and making appropriations for  
35 the same, and may, at regular meetings, lay taxes upon ratable estate  
36 within the limits of said district for the purposes and objects  
37 authorized by number 460 of the special acts of 1935, as amended by  
38 number 161 of the special acts of 1937, [and] number 481 of the special  
39 acts of 1953, [and this section] special act 09-5 and this act.

40 (b) Said board of fire commissioners shall submit any proposed  
41 annual budget of the district to the electors of the district, for approval  
42 by referendum at the annual district meeting. If the electors reject the  
43 proposed budget, the commissioners shall submit a revised budget to  
44 the electors and call a special meeting for the purpose of holding  
45 another referendum on the proposed budget, to take place not more  
46 than two weeks after the annual meeting date. The commissioners  
47 shall continue to call such special meetings for the purpose of holding

48 referenda on the proposed budget until the electors have approved a  
49 budget. In the event the electors have not approved a budget, the  
50 district shall operate under the most recently approved budget.

51 [(b)] (c) The following shall be electors of the district: (1) Any person  
52 residing within the limits of the district and qualified to vote in the  
53 affairs of the town of Enfield; and (2) any citizen of the United States of  
54 the age of eighteen, or more, who is liable to the district for taxes  
55 assessed against such citizen. Electors may vote on any matter or  
56 question at an annual or special meeting of the district. Electors may  
57 vote for commissioners from six o'clock a.m. until eight o'clock p.m. on  
58 the day of an annual or special meeting.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2014	Number 460 of the special acts of 1935, Sec. 1
Sec. 2	October 1, 2014	Number 460 of the special acts of 1935, Sec. 4

**PD** Joint Favorable Subst.

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:**

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 15 \$</b>	<b>FY 16 \$</b>
Thompsonville Fire District	Cost	Less than \$5,000	Less than \$5,000

**Explanation**

The bill requires the Thompsonville Fire District to hold a referendum on its proposed budget each year at its annual meeting. If the budget is rejected, the District is required to hold an additional referendum on the revised budget.

There is a potential minimal cost, estimated at less than \$5,000, associated with the requirement to hold a referendum on the budget.

**The Out Years**

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

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**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 Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/25/2014)