



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 185**

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Senate Bill No. 115

*Senate, March 31, 2014*

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNANCE OF SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS CREATED BY SPECIAL ACT.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 1 of special act  
2 07-6 is amended to read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

3 (3) At the meeting called for the purpose of establishing the district  
4 as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the voters shall fix the  
5 date of the annual meeting of the voters for the election of district  
6 officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly  
7 come before such annual meeting. At such organization meeting of the  
8 district, the voters shall elect a president, vice-president, five directors,  
9 a clerk and a treasurer to serve until the first annual meeting for the  
10 election of officers and thereafter such officers shall be elected  
11 annually, provided, upon its organization and at all times thereafter,  
12 one director may be appointed by the mayor of the city of Stamford. At  
13 the first annual meeting following July 1, 2014, the directors not  
14 appointed by said mayor shall be elected to serve for one, two, three or

15 four years, respectively, and thereafter such directors, as each term  
16 ends, shall be elected to serve for four-year terms. Not less than three  
17 members of the board of directors shall be residents of the state of  
18 Connecticut. Subject to the provisions of subdivision (4) of this  
19 subsection, not fewer than fifteen voters of the district shall constitute  
20 a quorum for the transaction of business at such organizational  
21 meeting of the district; and if fifteen voters are not present at such  
22 meeting, the mayor may adjourn such meeting from time to time, until  
23 at least fifteen voters are present. Special meetings of the district may  
24 be called on the application of ten per cent of the total number of  
25 voters of such district or twenty of the voters of such district,  
26 whichever is less, or by the president or any three directors upon  
27 giving notice as provided in this subdivision. Any special meeting  
28 called on the application of the voters shall be held not later than  
29 twenty-one days after receiving such application. Notice of the holding  
30 of the annual meeting and all special meetings shall be given by  
31 publication of a notice of such meetings in a newspaper having a  
32 general circulation in such district at least ten days before the day of  
33 such meetings, signed by the president or any three directors, which  
34 notice shall designate the time and place of such meetings and the  
35 business to be transacted thereat. Two hundred or more persons or ten  
36 per cent of the total number of voters of such district, whichever is less,  
37 may petition the clerk of such district, in writing, at least twenty-four  
38 hours prior to any such meeting, requesting that any item or items on  
39 the call of such meeting be submitted to the voters not less than seven  
40 or more than fourteen days thereafter, on a day to be set by the district  
41 meeting or, if the district meeting does not set a date, by the board of  
42 directors, or a vote by paper ballots or by a "yes" or "no" vote on the  
43 voting machines, during the hours between twelve o'clock noon and  
44 eight o'clock p.m., except that any district may, by vote of its board of  
45 directors, provide for an earlier hour for opening the polls but not  
46 earlier than six o'clock a.m. The paper ballots or voting machine ballot  
47 labels, as the case may be, shall be provided by the clerk. When such a  
48 petition has been filed with the clerk, the president, after completion of  
49 other business and after reasonable discussion shall adjourn such

50 meeting and order such vote on such item or items in accordance with  
51 the petition; and any item so voted may be rescinded in the same  
52 manner. The clerk shall phrase such item or items in a form suitable for  
53 printing on such paper ballots or ballot labels. Subject to the provisions  
54 of subdivision (4) of this subsection, not fewer than fifteen voters of the  
55 district shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any  
56 meeting of the district; and if fifteen voters are not present at such  
57 meeting, the president of the district or, in such president's absence,  
58 the vice-president, may adjourn such meeting from time to time, until  
59 at least fifteen voters are present; and all meetings of the district where  
60 a quorum is present may be adjourned from time to time by a vote of a  
61 majority of the voters voting on the question. At any annual or special  
62 meeting, the voters may, by a majority vote of those present,  
63 discontinue any purposes for which the district is established or  
64 undertake any additional purpose or purposes enumerated in  
65 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

66 Sec. 2. Subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 2 of public act 05-  
67 289 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
68 *July 1, 2014*):

69 (3) At the meeting called for the purpose of establishing the district  
70 as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the voters shall fix the  
71 date of the annual meeting of the voters for the election of district  
72 officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly  
73 come before such annual meeting. At such organization meeting of the  
74 district, the voters shall elect a president, vice-president, five directors,  
75 a clerk and a treasurer to serve until the first annual meeting for the  
76 election of officers and thereafter such officers shall be elected  
77 annually, provided, upon its organization and at all times thereafter,  
78 one director may be appointed by the mayor of the city of Bridgeport.  
79 At the first annual meeting following July 1, 2014, the directors not  
80 appointed by said mayor shall be elected to serve for one, two, three or  
81 four years, respectively, and thereafter such directors, as each term  
82 ends, shall be elected to serve for four-year terms. Not less than three  
83 members of the board of directors shall be residents of the state of

84 Connecticut. Subject to the provisions of subdivision (4) of this  
85 subsection, not fewer than fifteen voters of the district shall constitute  
86 a quorum for the transaction of business at such organizational  
87 meeting of the district; and if fifteen voters are not present at such  
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89 at least fifteen voters are present. Special meetings of the district may  
90 be called on the application of ten per cent of the total number of  
91 voters of such district or twenty of the voters of such district,  
92 whichever is less, or by the president or any three directors upon  
93 giving notice as hereinafter provided. Any special meeting called on  
94 the application of the voters shall be held not later than twenty-one  
95 days after receiving such application. Notice of the holding of the  
96 annual meeting and all special meetings shall be given by publication  
97 of a notice of such meetings in a newspaper having a general  
98 circulation in such district at least ten days before the day of such  
99 meetings, signed by the president or any three directors, which notice  
100 shall designate the time and place of such meetings and the business to  
101 be transacted thereat. Two hundred or more persons or ten per cent of  
102 the total number of voters of such district, whichever is less, may  
103 petition the clerk of such district, in writing, at least twenty-four hours  
104 prior to any such meeting, requesting that any item or items on the call  
105 of such meeting be submitted to the voters not less than seven or more  
106 than fourteen days thereafter, on a day to be set by the district meeting  
107 or, if the district meeting does not set a date, by the board of directors,  
108 or a vote by paper ballots or by a "yes" or "no" vote on the voting  
109 machines, during the hours between twelve o'clock noon and eight  
110 o'clock p.m., except that any district may, by vote of its board of  
111 directors, provide for an earlier hour for opening the polls but not  
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 125 at least fifteen voters are present; and all meetings of the district where  
 126 a quorum is present may be adjourned from time to time by a vote of a  
 127 majority of the voters voting on the question. At any annual or special  
 128 meeting, the voters may, by a majority vote of those present,  
 129 discontinue any purposes for which the district is established or  
 130 undertake any additional purpose or purposes enumerated in  
 131 subdivision (2) of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	SA 07-6, Sec. 1(b)(3)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	PA 05-289, Sec. 2(b)(3)

**PD**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which changes the term limits for elected officers of the Harbor Point Infrastructure Improvement District in the City of Stamford, has no fiscal impact as it does not change the number of elections held in the District or the City of Stamford.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**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 15    Nay 0    (03/12/2014)