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AN ACT concerning fire protection.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Fire Protection District Act is amended by changing Section 3.2 as follows:

(70 ILCS 705/3.2) (from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 23.2)

Sec. 3.2. Annexation of surrounded unincorporated territory under 60 acres.

(a) Unincorporated territory containing 60 acres or less that is wholly bounded by (i) one or more fire protection districts, (ii) one or more fire protection districts and one or more municipalities that provide fire protection services within those municipalities, or (iii) one or more fire protection districts, one or more municipalities that provide fire protection services within those municipalities, and a forest preserve district, may be annexed by a fire protection district by which the territory is bounded in whole or in part. The annexation shall be accomplished by passing an ordinance to that effect after notice is given as provided in this Section. For purposes of this Section, "municipality" is defined as in Section 1-1-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

(b) The board of trustees of the annexing fire protection district shall publish notice of the proposed annexation once, at least 10 days before passing the annexation ordinance, in a newspaper of general circulation within the territory to be annexed. In addition, if the territory to be annexed lies wholly or partially within a township other than a township in which the fire protection district is situated, the fire protection district shall give written notice of the proposed annexation, at least 10 days

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before passing the annexation ordinance, to the supervisor of that township in which the territory to be annexed lies. The notice published or given under this subsection shall include a description of the territory to be annexed and the time and place of the meeting at which the annexation ordinance is to be voted on by the board of trustees.

(c) The annexation ordinance shall describe the territory to be annexed. A certified copy of the ordinance, together with an accurate map of the territory to be annexed, shall be filed with the clerk of the county in which the territory to be annexed lies and with the State Fire Marshal.

(d) <u>(Blank.)</u> No-annexation-under-this-Section-shall-take effect-unless-the-annexation-has-been--first--approved--by--a majority--of--the--electors--residing--in-the-territory-to-be annexed-and-voting-on-the-question-at-a-referendum--conducted in-accordance-with-the-Election-Code.

(e) Nothing in this Section shall be construed as permitting a fire protection district to annex territory of a forest preserve district in a county with a population of 3,000,000 or more without obtaining the consent of the forest preserve district under Section 8.3 of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Act.

(Source: P.A. 87-1253.)