

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 SB0781

Introduced 2/4/2015, by Sen. James F. Clayborne, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 705/11b

from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 31b

Amends the Fire Protection District Act. Provides that no fire protection district will be required to assume responsibly for the fire protection of any municipality which discontinues its fire department unless the fire protection district's Board of Trustees has agreed to do so. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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 11b as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 705/11b) (from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 31b)

11b. (a) In case any fire protection district organized hereunder is coterminous with or includes within its corporate limits in whole or in part any city, village or incorporated town authorized to provide protection from fire and to regulate the prevention and control of fire within such city, village or incorporated town and to levy taxes for any such purposes, then such city, village or incorporated town shall not exercise any such powers as necessarily conflict with the powers to be exercised by such district in respect to such fire protection and regulation within the fire protection district from and after the date that it receives written notice from the State Fire Marshal to cease or refrain from the operation of any fire protection facilities and the exercise of such powers, which notice shall be given only after the State Fire Marshal has ascertained that the Fire Protection District has placed its fire protection facilities in operation. Such city, village or incorporated town shall not thereafter own,

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operate, maintain, manage, control or have an interest in any fire protection facilities located within the corporate limits of the fire protection district, except water mains and hydrants and except as otherwise provided in this Act. Where any city, village, or incorporated town with 500 or more mre residents is in fact owning, operating, and maintaining a fire department or fire departments located in whole or in part within or adjacent to the corporate limits of a fire protection district organized under this Act, such city, village, or incorporated town shall not cease operating and maintaining the fire department or departments unless such proposed cessation of services is first submitted by referendum to voters, as provided by Section 15b of this Act. In addition, where any city, village, or incorporated town is in fact owning, operating, and maintaining a fire department or departments located within the corporate limits of a fire protection district organized under this Act, such city, village, or incorporated town shall be paid and reimbursed for its actual expenditures and for all existing obligations incurred, including all pension and annuity plans applicable to the maintenance of fire protection facilities theretofore made establishing such facilities in and in acquiring, improving or developing any such constructing, existing facilities in the manner provided for by this Act. The terms of payment shall provide for reimbursement in full within not less than 20 years from the date of such agreement.

- 1 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this Section, no fire protection district adjacent to any city, village, or 2 3 incorporated to \underline{w} will be required to assume responsibility for fire protection or other emergency services to such city, 4 village, or incorporated town which discontinues its municipal 5 6 fire department under Section 15b of this Act unless the Board of Trustees of the adjacent fire protection district has by 7 resolution, ordinance, or intergovernmental agreement, agreed 8
- 9 <u>to provide such services.</u>
- 10 (Source: P.A. 98-666, eff. 1-1-15; revised 12-1-14.)
- 11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 12 becoming law.