

SENATE BILL NO. 688

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BERNSKOETTER.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 72.418, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to fire protection services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 72.418, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 72.418,
3 to read as follows:

72.418. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law
2 to the contrary, no new city created pursuant to sections
3 72.400 to 72.423 shall establish a municipal fire department
4 to provide fire protection services, including emergency
5 medical services, if such city formerly consisted of
6 unincorporated areas in the county or municipalities in the
7 county, or both, which are provided fire protection services
8 and emergency medical services by one or more fire
9 protection districts. Such fire protection districts shall
10 continue to provide services to the area comprising the new
11 city and may levy and collect taxes the same as such
12 districts had prior to the creation of such new city.

13 2. Fire protection districts serving the area included
14 within any annexation by a city having a fire department,
15 including simplified boundary changes, shall continue to
16 provide fire protection services, including emergency
17 medical services to such area. The annexing city shall pay
18 annually to the fire protection district an amount equal to

19 that which the fire protection district would have levied on
20 all taxable property within the annexed area. Such annexed
21 area shall not be subject to taxation for any purpose
22 thereafter by the fire protection district except for bonded
23 indebtedness by the fire protection district which existed
24 prior to the annexation. The amount to be paid annually by
25 the municipality to the fire protection district pursuant
26 hereto shall be a sum equal to the annual assessed value
27 multiplied by the annual tax rate as certified by the fire
28 protection district to the municipality, including any
29 portion of the tax created for emergency medical service
30 provided by the district, per one hundred dollars of
31 assessed value in such area. The tax rate so computed shall
32 include any tax on bonded indebtedness incurred subsequent
33 to such annexation, but shall not include any portion of the
34 tax rate for bonded indebtedness incurred prior to such
35 annexation. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to
36 the contrary, the residents of an area annexed on or after
37 May 26, 1994, may vote in all fire protection district
38 elections and may be elected to the fire protection district
39 board of directors.

40 3. The fire protection district may approve or reject
41 any proposal for the provision of fire protection and
42 emergency medical services by a city.

43 **4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the**
44 **contrary, in any city with more than eleven thousand but**
45 **fewer than twelve thousand five hundred inhabitants and**
46 **located in a county with more than one million inhabitants**
47 **that became a constitutional charter city after 1990 and**
48 **that pays a fire protection district under this section, all**
49 **residents of the city shall receive fire protection services**
50 **from the city fire department beginning January 1, 2024, so**

51 long as the city fire department is in existence, and not a
52 fire protection district, and the city shall not make any
53 payments to a fire protection district under this section on
54 or after January 1, 2024. Nothing in this subsection shall
55 prevent such city from contracting with any fire protection
56 district for services if the city and fire protection
57 district mutually agree. Upon the city providing fire
58 protection services as described in this subsection, the
59 residents of an area annexed on or after May 26, 1994, shall
60 no longer be able to vote in any fire protection district
61 election and shall not be elected to the fire protection
62 district's board of directors.

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