

1 AN ACT concerning fire protection districts.

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

4 Section 2. The Township Code is amended by adding Section  
5 30-166 as follows:

6 (60 ILCS 1/30-166 new)

7 Sec. 30-166. Civil penalties for false fire alarms. The  
8 township board of any township providing fire protection  
9 services may impose reasonable civil penalties on individuals  
10 who repeatedly cause false fire alarms.

11 Section 5. The Fire Protection District Act is amended  
12 by changing Section 6 as follows:

13 (70 ILCS 705/6) (from Ch. 127 1/2, par. 26)

14 Sec. 6. The trustees shall constitute a board of  
15 trustees for the district for which they are appointed, which  
16 board of trustees is declared to be the corporate authority  
17 of the fire protection district, and shall exercise all of  
18 the powers and control all the affairs and property of such  
19 district. The board of trustees at their initial meeting and  
20 at their first meeting following the commencement of the term  
21 of any trustee shall elect one of their number as president  
22 and one of their number as secretary and shall elect a  
23 treasurer for the district, who may be one of the trustees or  
24 may be any other citizen of the district and who shall hold  
25 office during the pleasure of the board and who shall give  
26 such bond as may be required by the board. Except as  
27 otherwise provided in Sections 16.01 through 16.18, the board  
28 may appoint and enter into a multi-year contract not  
29 exceeding 3 years with a fire chief and may appoint any

1 firemen that may be necessary for the district who shall hold  
2 office during the pleasure of the board and who shall give  
3 any bond that the board may require. The board may prescribe  
4 the duties and fix the compensation of all the officers and  
5 employees of the fire protection district. A member of the  
6 board of trustees of a fire protection district may be  
7 compensated as follows: in a district having fewer than 4  
8 full time paid firemen, a sum not to exceed \$1,000 per annum;  
9 in a district having more than 3 but less than 10 full time  
10 paid firemen, a sum not to exceed \$1,500 per annum; in a  
11 district having either 10 or more full time paid firemen, a  
12 sum not to exceed \$2,000 per annum. In addition, fire  
13 districts that operate an ambulance service pursuant to  
14 authorization by referendum, as provided in Section 22, may  
15 pay trustees an additional annual compensation not to exceed  
16 50% of the amount otherwise authorized herein. The  
17 additional compensation shall be an administrative expense of  
18 the ambulance service and shall be paid from revenues raised  
19 by the ambulance tax levy. The trustees also have the  
20 express power to execute a note or notes and to execute a  
21 mortgage or trust deed to secure the payment of such note or  
22 notes; such trust deed or mortgage shall cover real estate,  
23 or some part thereof, or personal property owned by the  
24 district and the lien of the mortgage shall apply to the real  
25 estate or personal property so mortgaged by the district, and  
26 the proceeds of the note or notes may be used in the  
27 acquisition of personal property or of real estate or in the  
28 erection of improvements on such real estate. The trustees  
29 have express power to purchase either real estate or personal  
30 property to be used for the purposes of the fire protection  
31 district through contracts which provide for the  
32 consideration for such purchase to be paid through  
33 installments to be made at stated intervals during a certain  
34 period of time, but, in no case, shall such contracts provide

1 for the consideration to be paid during a period of time in  
2 excess of 25 years. The trustees have express power to  
3 provide for the benefit of its employees, volunteer firemen  
4 and paid firemen, group life, health, accident, hospital and  
5 medical insurance, or any combination thereof; and to pay for  
6 all or any portion of the premiums on such insurance. Such  
7 insurance may include provisions for employees who rely on  
8 treatment by spiritual means alone through prayer for healing  
9 in accord with the tenets and practice of a well recognized  
10 religious denomination. The board of trustees has express  
11 power to change the corporate name of the fire protection  
12 district by ordinance provided that notification of any  
13 change is given to the circuit clerk and the Office of the  
14 State Fire Marshal. The board of trustees may impose  
15 reasonable civil penalties on individuals who repeatedly  
16 cause false fire alarms. The board of trustees has full power  
17 to pass all necessary ordinances, and rules and regulations  
18 for the proper management and conduct of the business of the  
19 board of trustees of the fire protection district for  
20 carrying into effect the objects for which the district was  
21 formed.

22 (Source: P.A. 91-948, eff. 1-1-02.)