

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

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

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

7 Sec. 6. Board of trustees; powers.

8 (a) The trustees shall constitute a board of trustees for
9 the district for which they are appointed, which board of
10 trustees is declared to be the corporate authority of the fire
11 protection district, and shall exercise all of the powers and
12 control all the affairs and property of such district.

13 The board of trustees at their initial meeting and at their
14 first meeting following the commencement of the term of any
15 trustee shall elect one of their number as president and one of
16 their number as secretary and shall elect a treasurer for the
17 district, who may be one of the trustees or may be any other
18 citizen of the district and who shall hold office during the
19 pleasure of the board and who shall give such bond as may be
20 required by the board.

21 (b) Except as otherwise provided in Sections 16.01 through
22 16.18, the board may appoint and enter into a multi-year
23 contract not exceeding 3 years with a fire chief and may

1 appoint any firemen that may be necessary for the district, who
2 shall hold office during the pleasure of the board and who
3 shall give any bond that the board may require. The board may
4 prescribe the duties and fix the compensation of all the
5 officers and employees of the fire protection district.

6 (c) A member of the board of trustees of a fire protection
7 district may be compensated as follows: in a district having
8 fewer than 4 full time paid firemen, a sum not to exceed \$1,000
9 per annum; in a district having more than 3 but less than 10
10 full time paid firemen, a sum not to exceed \$1,500 per annum;
11 in a district having either 10 or more full time paid firemen,
12 a 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 pay
15 trustees an additional annual compensation not to exceed 50% of
16 the amount otherwise authorized herein. The additional
17 compensation shall be an administrative expense of the
18 ambulance service and shall be paid from revenues raised by the
19 ambulance tax levy. In addition, any trustee of a fire
20 protection district who completes a training program on fire
21 protection district administration approved by the Office of
22 the State Fire Marshal may receive additional compensation
23 above the compensation otherwise provided in this Section. The
24 additional compensation shall be equal to 50% of such other
25 compensation. In order to continue to receive the additional
26 compensation, the trustee must attend annual training approved

1 by the Office of the State Fire Marshall on a continuing basis
2 thereafter.

3 (d) The trustees also have the express power to execute a
4 note or notes and to execute a mortgage or trust deed to secure
5 the payment of such note or notes; such trust deed or mortgage
6 shall cover real estate, or some part thereof, or personal
7 property owned by the district and the lien of the mortgage
8 shall apply to the real estate or personal property so
9 mortgaged by the district, and the proceeds of the note or
10 notes may be used in the acquisition of personal property or of
11 real estate or in the erection of improvements on such real
12 estate.

13 The trustees have express power to purchase either real
14 estate or personal property to be used for the purposes of the
15 fire protection district through contracts which provide for
16 the consideration for such purchase to be paid through
17 installments to be made at stated intervals during a certain
18 period of time, but, in no case, shall such contracts provide
19 for the consideration to be paid during a period of time in
20 excess of 25 years.

21 (e) The trustees have express power to provide for the
22 benefit of its employees, volunteer firemen and paid firemen,
23 group life, health, accident, hospital and medical insurance,
24 or any combination thereof; and to pay for all or any portion
25 of the premiums on such insurance. Such insurance may include
26 provisions for employees who rely on treatment by spiritual

1 means alone through prayer for healing in accord with the
2 tenets and practice of a well recognized religious
3 denomination.

4 (f) To encourage continued service with the district, the
5 board of trustees has the express power to award monetary
6 incentives, not to exceed \$240 per year, to volunteer
7 firefighters of the district based on the length of service. To
8 be eligible for the incentives, the volunteer firefighters must
9 have at least 5 years of service with the district. The amount
10 of the incentives may not be greater than 2% of the annual levy
11 amount when all incentive awards are combined.

12 (g) The board of trustees has express power to change the
13 corporate name of the fire protection district by ordinance,
14 provided that notification of any change is given to the
15 circuit clerk and the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

16 (h) The board of trustees may impose reasonable civil
17 penalties on individuals who repeatedly cause false fire
18 alarms.

19 (i) The board of trustees has full power to pass all
20 necessary ordinances, and rules and regulations for the proper
21 management and conduct of the business of the board of trustees
22 of the fire protection district for carrying into effect the
23 objects for which the district was formed.

24 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)