

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

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

7 Sec. 6. The trustees shall constitute a board of  
8 trustees for the district for which they are appointed, which  
9 board of trustees is declared to be the corporate authority  
10 of the fire protection district, and shall exercise all of  
11 the powers and control all the affairs and property of such  
12 district. The board of trustees at their initial meeting and  
13 at their first meeting following the commencement of the term  
14 of any trustee shall elect one of their number as president  
15 and one of their number as secretary and shall elect a  
16 treasurer for the district, who may be one of the trustees or  
17 may be any other citizen of the district and who shall hold  
18 office during the pleasure of the board and who shall give  
19 such bond as may be required by the board. Except as  
20 otherwise provided in Sections 16.01 through 16.18, the board  
21 may appoint and enter into a multi-year contract not  
22 exceeding 3 years with a fire chief and may appoint any  
23 firemen that may be necessary for the district who shall hold  
24 office during the pleasure of the board and who shall give  
25 any bond that the board may require. The board may prescribe  
26 the duties and fix the compensation of all the officers and  
27 employees of the fire protection district. A member of the  
28 board of trustees of a fire protection district may be  
29 compensated as follows: in a district having fewer than 4  
30 full time paid firemen, a sum not to exceed \$1,000 per annum;  
31 in a district having more than 3 but less than 10 full time

1 paid firemen, a sum not to exceed \$1,500 per annum; in a  
2 district having either 10 or more full time paid firemen, a  
3 sum not to exceed \$2,000 per annum. In addition, fire  
4 districts that operate an ambulance service pursuant to  
5 authorization by referendum, as provided in Section 22, may  
6 pay trustees an additional annual compensation not to exceed  
7 50% of the amount otherwise authorized herein. The  
8 additional compensation shall be an administrative expense of  
9 the ambulance service and shall be paid from revenues raised  
10 by the ambulance tax levy. The trustees also have the  
11 express power to execute a note or notes and to execute a  
12 mortgage or trust deed to secure the payment of such note or  
13 notes; such trust deed or mortgage shall cover real estate,  
14 or some part thereof, or personal property owned by the  
15 district and the lien of the mortgage shall apply to the real  
16 estate or personal property so mortgaged by the district, and  
17 the proceeds of the note or notes may be used in the  
18 acquisition of personal property or of real estate or in the  
19 erection of improvements on such real estate. The trustees  
20 have express power to purchase either real estate or personal  
21 property to be used for the purposes of the fire protection  
22 district through contracts which provide for the  
23 consideration for such purchase to be paid through  
24 installments to be made at stated intervals during a certain  
25 period of time, but, in no case, shall such contracts provide  
26 for the consideration to be paid during a period of time in  
27 excess of 25 years. The trustees have express power to  
28 provide for the benefit of its employees, volunteer firemen  
29 and paid firemen, group life, health, accident, hospital and  
30 medical insurance, or any combination thereof; and to pay for  
31 all or any portion of the premiums on such insurance. Such  
32 insurance may include provisions for employees who rely on  
33 treatment by spiritual means alone through prayer for healing  
34 in accord with the tenets and practice of a well recognized

1 religious denomination. The board of trustees has express  
2 power to change the corporate name of the fire protection  
3 district by ordinance provided that notification of any  
4 change is given to the circuit clerk and the Office of the  
5 State Fire Marshal. The board of trustees may impose  
6 reasonable civil penalties on individuals who repeatedly  
7 cause false fire alarms. The trustees have the express power  
8 to reasonably require that specific fire protection equipment  
9 be installed on commercial property in the district and to  
10 create incentive programs to encourage the installation of  
11 fire protection equipment on residential property in the  
12 district. The board of trustees has full power to pass all  
13 necessary ordinances, and rules and regulations for the  
14 proper management and conduct of the business of the board of  
15 trustees of the fire protection district for carrying into  
16 effect the objects for which the district was formed.

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