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Committee Substitute for
ENGROSSED
Senate Bill No. 605

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 605 - By:
BINGMAN of the Senate and PETERS AND ARMES of the House.

(fire protection districts - enacting the Municipal Fire Protection District Act
and the Local Fire Protection District Act - codification -
effective date)

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 29-401 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:

4 Sections 1 through 14 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the “Municipal
5 Fire Protection District Act”.

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
7 Statutes as Section 29-402 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
8 reads as follows:

9 The provisions of the Municipal Fire Protection District Act shall only be applicable
10 to a Metropolitan Statistical Area having a population, according to the 2000 Federal
11 Decennial Census, of at least eight hundred thousand (800,000) persons, but not more
12 than one million (1,000,000) persons.

1 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 29-403 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:

4 A. The governing body of a municipality may create a municipal fire protection
5 district for the purpose of providing fire protection or both fire protection and fire
6 department-based emergency medical service within the boundaries of the district in the
7 manner set forth in the Municipal Fire Protection District Act.

8 B. If approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the voters within the district, the governing
9 body of the municipality may make an assessment annually on the value of property not
10 otherwise exempt from ad valorem taxes for the purposes set forth in the Municipal Fire
11 Protection District Act.

12 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
13 Statutes as Section 29-404 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
14 reads as follows:

15 A. The governing body of a municipality may approve, by majority vote, a resolution
16 to create a municipal fire protection district and set the matter for hearing at a time not
17 less than twenty (20) days nor more than forty (40) days from the date of the resolution.

18 B. The resolution shall set forth and particularly describe the proposed boundaries
19 of the district and shall be accompanied by a map of the proposed district, drawn to a
20 scale of not less than one (1) inch to the mile.

21 C. The resolution shall direct the city clerk to give notice of the hearing by
22 publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the proposed

1 district is located. The notice shall be published for two (2) consecutive weeks next
2 preceding the date of the hearing. The notice shall describe the boundaries of the
3 proposed district, state the time and place of the hearing, and state that any person may
4 appear and protest the organization of the district or the proposed boundaries of the
5 district. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act to the contrary, if any property is
6 included within the boundary of the assessment district authorized by the provisions of
7 this act which is already included within the boundary of an emergency medical service
8 district or a rural fire protection district, the assessment otherwise authorized by the
9 provisions of this act shall not be made against the taxable value of any property which is
10 subject to either the ad valorem taxes imposed by an emergency medical service district or
11 the assessment of a rural fire protection district.

12 D. The governing body of the municipality shall hold the hearing described in the
13 notice and shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine all protests to the creation of the
14 district and all matters pertaining to the district. The governing body may amend the
15 plan of the district by excluding from within the boundaries of the district any lands
16 which may not be benefited by the formation of the district or by including other land as a
17 part of the district upon application of the owners of the land. The governing body shall
18 not exclude from the district any land which is completely surrounded by land which is
19 included in the proposed district.

20 E. At the conclusion of the hearing, the governing body of the municipality may
21 approve or disapprove the creation of the district and alter the boundaries of the district.
22 If the governing body approves the creation of a district, it shall make an order

1 determining the boundaries of the proposed district, particularly describing the
2 boundaries, and shall determine whether the formation of the district will be in the best
3 interests of the citizens within the district. The governing body shall call an election of
4 the qualified electors residing in the area comprising the proposed district on the
5 question of whether the district shall be organized. The election date shall be set within
6 one (1) year of the order organizing the district.

7 F. The boundaries of a municipal fire protection district may include all land inside
8 the municipal corporate limits or any portion thereof as the governing body of the
9 municipality deems appropriate.

10 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
11 Statutes as Section 29-405 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
12 reads as follows:

13 The city clerk shall cause notice of the election to be given by publication once a
14 week for two (2) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the area
15 comprising the proposed district. The notice shall state the time and place of holding the
16 election and set forth the description of the boundaries of the proposed district and its
17 general purpose and intention. The notice shall require the electors to cast ballots which
18 contain the words: “Municipal Fire Protection District – Yes” and “Municipal Fire
19 Protection District – No” or words equivalent thereto. All persons who reside in the
20 proposed district, who are qualified electors in their respective precincts, shall be
21 qualified to vote on the proposition.

1 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 29-406 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:

4 A. The election shall be conducted in accordance with the general election laws of
5 this state, and the regular election officials shall be in charge at the usual polling place of
6 each regular precinct, or part of a precinct, which covers the land within the boundaries of
7 the proposed district.

8 B. The returns of the election shall be made directly to the governing body of the
9 municipality which shall meet at its next regularly scheduled meeting following the
10 election to canvass the vote cast. If, upon the canvass, it appears that two-thirds (2/3) or
11 more of the votes cast are “Municipal Fire Protection District – Yes”, the district shall be
12 approved.

13 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
14 Statutes as Section 29-407 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
15 reads as follows:

16 A. Each fiscal year, during the regular course of drafting a municipal budget, after
17 separate hearing, the governing body of the municipality shall levy an annual
18 assessment on property not otherwise exempt from ad valorem taxes, sufficient to meet
19 the costs of providing fire protection or both fire protection and fire department-based
20 emergency medical service or such portion of the costs that the governing body deems
21 advisable.

1 B. No annual assessment for operations shall exceed seven (7) mills on the dollar of
2 net assessed value of the property not otherwise exempt from ad valorem taxes in the
3 district. The governing body may levy an assessment over seven (7) mills but not to
4 exceed ten (10) mills upon approval for the increase at an election held at such time and
5 in such manner as provided by Section 6 of this act. If a county or municipality has
6 authorized a sales tax levy, fee, assessment or any other charge some portion or all of the
7 proceeds of which is used by the county or municipality to fund either emergency medical
8 services or fire protection services and the county or municipality is partially or wholly
9 located within an assessment district authorized pursuant to the provisions of this act,
10 the county or municipality shall cease the levy of such sales tax, fee, assessment or other
11 charge to the extent that the proceeds from the levy, fee, assessment or other charge are
12 used to fund emergency medical services or fire protection services, respectively.

13 C. Until paid, any assessment levied pursuant to this section shall be a lien against
14 the tract of land on which the assessment has been levied. The lien shall be coequal with
15 the lien of ad valorem and other taxes, including special assessments, and prior and
16 superior to all other liens.

17 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
18 Statutes as Section 29-408 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
19 reads as follows:

20 If any assessment remains unpaid, the county treasurer shall provide for the
21 collection under the same procedure for the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes.

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.
BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED language denotes Committee Amendments.
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 29-409 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:

4 If a municipal fire protection district includes all the land located inside a
5 municipality, and the municipality annexes new land, the newly annexed portion shall be
6 subject to the assessment that is in effect for the municipality at the time of the
7 annexation unless such land is otherwise exempt from ad valorem taxes.

8 SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
9 Statutes as Section 29-410 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
10 reads as follows:

11 A. The governing body of the municipality may issue revenue bonds based upon the
12 projected assessment revenues for facilities or equipment as may be deemed necessary.
13 The issuance shall be pursuant to a resolution approved by not less than three-fourths
14 (3/4) of the governing body.

15 B. The county treasurer in the county or counties in which the municipal fire
16 protection district is located shall collect and remit to the clerk of the governing body of
17 the municipality the assessments provided for in the Municipal Fire Protection District
18 Act within thirty (30) days from December 31 of each year for those payments received by
19 the county treasurer by December 31 and within thirty (30) days after March 31 for those
20 payments received between January 1 and March 31 of each year.

1 SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 29-411 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:

4 The governing body of the municipality shall cause an annual audit to be made of,
5 including, but not limited to, the funds, accounts, and fiscal affairs of the municipal fire
6 protection district. The audit shall be ordered within thirty (30) days of the close of each
7 fiscal year of the district which shall commence July 1, and end on June 30. The audit
8 may be made in conjunction with other audits required by law or ordinances.

9 SECTION 12. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
10 Statutes as Section 29-412 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
11 reads as follows:

12 A. Nothing in the Municipal Fire Protection District Act shall prohibit a
13 municipality from entering into Interlocal Agreements pursuant to the Interlocal
14 Cooperation Act for the purpose of providing fire protection or both fire protection and
15 fire department-based emergency medical service.

16 B. Municipalities may enter into agreements pursuant to the terms of the
17 Interlocal Cooperation Act, with any Indian Nation for the purpose of providing funding,
18 equipment, fire protection or fire department-based emergency medical protection.

19 C. Nothing in the Municipal Fire Protection District Act shall prohibit or prevent a
20 public body, authority, jurisdiction, or municipality from receiving third-party
21 reimbursement for services provided for fire protection or both fire protection and fire
22 department-based emergency medical service.

1 SECTION 13. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 29-413 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:

4 The percentage of a municipal budget to fire departments shall not be reduced by
5 the creation of a municipal fire protection district during the first year after the creation
6 of the district.

7 SECTION 14. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
8 Statutes as Section 29-414 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
9 reads as follows:

10 The provisions of this act shall not be effective with respect to any area located
11 within the boundary of an emergency medical service district or a rural fire protection
12 district unless the maximum millage or the maximum assessment, respectively, that may
13 be imposed by such district is in effect both for general fund purposes and any sinking
14 fund that may be authorized by law.

15 SECTION 15. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
16 Statutes as Section 901.70 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
17 reads as follows:

18 Sections 15 through 30 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the "Local
19 Fire Protection District Act".

20 SECTION 16. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
21 Statutes as Section 901.71 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
22 reads as follows:

1 The provisions of the Local Fire Protection District Act shall only be applicable to
2 cities, towns, counties, rural fire protection districts and municipal fire protection
3 districts located entirely or partially within a Metropolitan Statistical Area having a
4 population, according to the 2000 Federal Decennial Census, of at least eight hundred
5 thousand (800,000) persons, but not more than one million (1,000,000) persons.

6 SECTION 17. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
7 Statutes as Section 901.72 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
8 reads as follows:

9 Any combination of cities, towns, counties, or rural fire protection districts
10 organized pursuant to Section 901.1 et seq. of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes or
11 municipal fire protection districts organized pursuant to the Oklahoma Volunteer
12 Firefighters Act may by resolution of their governing bodies jointly petition the board of
13 county commissioners to create a local fire protection district. If more than one county
14 has joined in the petition, the petition must be presented to each county commission
15 pursuant to the terms of the Local Fire Protection District Act.

16 SECTION 18. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
17 Statutes as Section 901.73 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
18 reads as follows:

19 A. The petition to form a local fire protection district pursuant to Section 17 of this
20 act shall set forth and particularly describe the proposed boundaries of the district and
21 shall be accompanied by a map of the proposed district, drawn to a scale of not less than

1 one (1) inch to the mile. The proposed boundaries shall not include any territory of any
2 jurisdiction that is not a petitioner.

3 B. The petitioners shall accompany the petition with a good and sufficient bond, the
4 amount and sureties of which shall be approved by the board of county commissioners,
5 the sum of which is sufficient to cover the costs of the publications and of the election.
6 The petitioners shall share the cost of the bond in proportion equal to its population
7 compared to the population of the district as a whole.

8 C. The petition shall also be accompanied by an agreement creating a Local Fire
9 District Public Trust Authority drafted in conformity with Section 22 of this act. The
10 agreement creating the Authority shall be duly executed by the governing body of each
11 petitioner according to the terms of Section 176 et seq. of Title 60 of the Oklahoma
12 Statutes.

13 D. The petition shall be filed with the county clerk who shall present it to the board
14 of county commissioners at their next regular or special meeting. Upon the presentation
15 of the petition, the board of county commissioners shall set the petition for hearing at a
16 time not less than twenty (20) days nor more than forty (40) days from the date of
17 presentation and shall direct the county clerk to give notice of the hearing by publication
18 in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the proposed district is
19 located. The notice shall be published for two (2) consecutive weeks next preceding the
20 date of the hearing. The notice shall describe the boundaries of the proposed district,
21 state the time and place of the hearing, and state that any person may appear and
22 protest the organization of the district or the proposed boundaries of the district.

1 E. The board of county commissioners shall hold the hearing described in the
2 notice, and shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine all protests to the creation of the
3 district and all matters pertaining to the district. The board of county commissioners
4 may alter the boundaries of the district only in the unincorporated areas inside the
5 county. At the conclusion of the hearing, the board of county commissioners shall enter
6 an order organizing the district and call for an election of the qualified electors residing
7 in the area comprising the proposed district on the question of whether the district shall
8 be organized. The election date must be set within one (1) year of the order organizing
9 the district.

10 SECTION 19. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
11 Statutes as Section 901.74 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
12 reads as follows:

13 The boundaries of the proposed local fire protection district may include all or part
14 of the territory within the county boundaries. The boundaries of a local fire protection
15 district shall not overlap with the boundaries of another local fire protection district.

16 SECTION 20. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
17 Statutes as Section 901.75 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
18 reads as follows:

19 The county clerk shall cause notice of the election to be given by publication once a
20 week for two (2) successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the area
21 comprising the proposed district. The notice shall state the time and place of holding the
22 election and set forth the description of the boundaries of the proposed district and its

1 general purpose and intention. The notice shall require the electors to cast ballots which
2 contain the words: “Local Fire Protection District – Yes” and “Local Fire Protection
3 District – No” or words equivalent thereto. All persons who reside in the proposed
4 district, who are qualified electors in their respective precincts, shall be qualified to vote
5 on the proposition.

6 SECTION 21. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
7 Statutes as Section 901.76 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
8 reads as follows:

9 The election shall be conducted in accordance with the general election laws of this
10 state, and the regular election officials shall be in charge at the usual polling place of
11 each regular precinct, or part of a precinct, which includes the land within the boundaries
12 of the proposed district. The returns of the election shall be made directly to the board of
13 county commissioners which shall meet at its next regularly scheduled meeting following
14 the election to canvass the vote cast. If, upon the canvass, it appears that two-thirds (2/3)
15 or more of the votes cast are “Local Fire Protection District – Yes”, the district shall be
16 approved.

17 SECTION 22. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
18 Statutes as Section 901.77 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
19 reads as follows:

20 A. At the time of submitting the petition to the board of county commissioners,
21 petitioners shall also submit a duly executed agreement creating a public trust for the
22 purpose of administering the local fire protection district if approved by the voters. The

1 public trust shall have the powers granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 176 of
2 Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes in addition to the powers and duties granted pursuant
3 to the Local Fire Protection District Act. The boundaries of the Local Fire Protection
4 District Public Trust Authority shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the proposed
5 local fire protection district. The terms of the trust shall provide:

- 6 1. Each jurisdiction that petitioned for the creation of the local fire protection
7 district must be a beneficiary of the public trust;
- 8 2. Only petitioning jurisdictions may be beneficiaries or trustees of the public trust;
- 9 3. Each petitioning political subdivision must have one trustee that serves on the
10 board of trustees of the public trust;
- 11 4. Each trustee of the public trust shall have only one vote;
- 12 5. Trustees shall serve for a term determined by the bylaws of the trust. The
13 bylaws shall provide for staggered terms of the trustees so that only a predefined subset
14 of the board of trustees shall be newly elected each year;
- 15 6. In the event of a tie vote, any measure before the board of trustees shall fail; and
- 16 7. In case the voters do not approve the creation of the local fire protection district,
17 the trust agreement shall provide terms for the orderly dissolution of the trust.

18 B. The trust agreement may contain other terms as the petitioning jurisdictions
19 decide.

20 C. The Local Fire Protection District Public Trust Authority shall be a political
21 subdivision pursuant to the terms of the Governmental Tort Claims Act.

1 SECTION 23. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 901.78 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:

4 A. The purpose of the Local Fire Protection District Public Trust Authority shall be
5 to assess, receive, and disburse an annual assessment as provided in this section. The
6 Authority may have such other duties as the trustees may agree to by unanimous vote.

7 B. Each year during the regular course of drafting the budget of the Authority, after
8 public hearing, the board of trustees of the Authority shall levy an annual assessment on
9 property not otherwise exempt from ad valorem taxes sufficient to meet the cost of
10 providing fire protection or both fire protection and fire department-based emergency
11 medical service or such portion of the costs that the board of trustees deems advisable.

12 C. No annual assessment for operations shall exceed seven (7) mills on the dollar of
13 net assessed value of the property not otherwise exempt from ad valorem taxes in the
14 district. The Authority may levy an assessment over seven (7) mills but not to exceed ten
15 (10) mills upon approval for the increase at an election held at such time and in such
16 manner as provided by Section 20 of this act. If a county or municipality has authorized
17 a sales tax levy, fee, assessment or any other charge some portion or all of the proceeds of
18 which is used by the county or municipality to fund either emergency medical services or
19 fire protection services and the county or municipality is partially or wholly located
20 within an assessment district authorized pursuant to the provisions of this act, the
21 county or municipality shall cease the levy of such sales tax, fee, assessment or other

1 charge to the extent that the proceeds from the levy, fee, assessment or other charge are
2 used to fund emergency medical services or fire protection services, respectively.

3 D. All assessments levied pursuant to this section shall be a lien against the tract of
4 land on which they have been levied until paid, and the lien shall be coequal with the lien
5 of ad valorem and other taxes, including special assessments, and prior and superior to
6 all other liens.

7 SECTION 24. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
8 Statutes as Section 901.79 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
9 reads as follows:

10 A. The board of trustees of the Local Fire Protection District Public Trust Authority
11 may issue revenue bonds based upon the projected assessment revenues for facilities or
12 equipment as may be deemed necessary. The issuance shall be pursuant to a resolution
13 approved by not less than three-fourths (3/4) of the board of trustees.

14 B. The county treasurer in the county or counties in which the local fire protection
15 district is located shall collect and remit to the clerk of the governing body, the
16 assessments provided for herein within thirty (30) days from December 31 of each year
17 for those payments received by the county treasurer by December 31 and within thirty
18 (30) days after March 31 for those payments received between January 1 and March 31
19 of each year.

20 C. Until paid, all assessments levied under the authority of the provisions of Section
21 23 of this act shall be a lien against the tract of land on which they have been levied. The
22 lien shall be coequal with the lien of ad valorem and other taxes, including special

1 assessments, and prior and superior to all other liens, and shall be collected by the county
2 treasurer in like fashion as delinquent ad valorem taxes.

3 SECTION 25. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
4 Statutes as Section 901.80 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
5 reads as follows:

6 If any assessment remains unpaid, the county treasurer shall provide for the
7 collection under the same procedures for the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes.

8 SECTION 26. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
9 Statutes as Section 901.81 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
10 reads as follows:

11 The Local Fire Protection District Public Trust Authority shall annually determine
12 the total net assessed value of property of each beneficiary jurisdiction of the local fire
13 protection district. It shall distribute the proceeds from the annual assessment set
14 pursuant to Section 23 of this act in the proportion of net assessed value of each
15 beneficiary bears to the total net assessed value of the entire local fire protection district.

16 SECTION 27. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
17 Statutes as Section 901.82 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
18 reads as follows:

19 Municipal or rural fire districts may join as petitioners for the creation of a local fire
20 protection district under the terms of the Local Fire Protection District Act. No
21 municipal or rural fire district assessment shall be affected by any provision of the Local
22 Fire Protection District Act. If a municipal or rural fire district expands into a local fire

1 protection district or chooses to participate in a local fire protection district, the rural or
2 municipal fire districts shall receive an assessment in that overlapping territory in an
3 amount that equals the difference between the municipal or rural fire district assessment
4 and the local fire protection district assessment, if any.

5 SECTION 28. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
6 Statutes as Section 901.83 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
7 reads as follows:

8 A Local Fire Protection District Public Trust Authority shall annually cause an
9 audit to be made of, including, but not limited to, the funds, accounts, and fiscal affairs of
10 the Authority. The audit shall be ordered within thirty (30) days of the close of each
11 fiscal year of the Authority which shall commence July 1 and end on June 30.

12 SECTION 29. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
13 Statutes as Section 901.84 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
14 reads as follows:

15 A. Nothing in the Local Fire Protection District Act prohibits public bodies from
16 entering into Interlocal Agreements pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act for the
17 purpose of providing fire protection or both fire protection and fire department-based
18 emergency medical services.

19 B. Nothing in the Local Fire Protection District Act shall prohibit or prevent any
20 public body, authority, or jurisdiction from receiving third-party reimbursement for
21 services provided for fire protection or both fire protection and fire department-based
22 emergency medical services.

1 SECTION 30. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 901.85 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering,
3 reads as follows:

4 The provisions of this act shall not be effective with respect to any area located
5 within the boundary of an emergency medical service district or a rural fire protection
6 district unless the maximum millage or the maximum assessment, respectively, that may
7 be imposed by such district is in effect both for general fund purposes and any sinking
8 fund that may be authorized by law.

9 SECTION 31. This act shall become effective November 1, 2007.

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET,
11 dated 04-11-07 - DO PASS, As Amended.