

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 960
HOUSE BILL 2251

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AFTER PUBLIC HEARING, TO EXTEND THE BOUNDARIES OF ANY VOTED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OUT TO FIVE ROAD MILES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 3A of Chapter 69 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 69-25.11B. **Additional procedures for annexing area to district.** – (a) In addition to the procedures under G.S. 69-25.11, changes in the area of a fire protection district may be made as follows:

- (1) The area of any fire protection district may be increased by including within the boundaries of the district any adjoining territory which is not within the corporate limits of an incorporated municipality, and which is within five road miles of the fire headquarters.
- (2) Before the public hearing required by subdivision (3), the county board of commissioners shall cause to be prepared a report containing a map of the district and the adjacent territory proposed to be annexed, showing the present and proposed boundaries of the district. The report shall be available for public inspection in the office of the clerk to the board for at least two weeks before the date of the public hearing.
- (3) Hearing and notice. The board shall hold a public hearing before adopting any resolution extending the boundaries of a fire protection district. Notice of the hearing shall state the date, hour and place of the hearing and its subject, and shall include a statement that the report required by subdivision (2) of this section is available for inspection in the office of the clerk to the board. The notice shall be published at least once not less than two weeks before the hearing.

(b) In the event the area of any fire protection district is increased under this section, the increase shall take effect at the beginning of the next succeeding fiscal year after such action is taken."

Sec. 2. This act applies to Cleveland County only.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24th day of June, 1988.