

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2015**

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**HOUSE BILL 466**

Short Title: Stokesdale Fire District Assessment. (Local)

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Sponsors: Representative Blust (Primary Sponsor).

*For a complete list of Sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly Web Site.*

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Referred to: Local Government, if favorable, Finance.

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April 2, 2015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GUILFORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CALL A  
2 SPECIAL ELECTION IN THAT PORTION OF THE AREA ENCOMPASSING THE  
3 STOKESDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT THAT LIES IN GUILFORD COUNTY  
4 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS THEREIN  
5 THE QUESTION OF INCREASING THE ALLOWABLE SPECIAL TAX FOR FIRE  
6 PROTECTION WITHIN THAT DISTRICT FROM TEN CENTS ON THE ONE  
7 HUNDRED DOLLARS VALUATION TO FIFTEEN CENTS ON THE ONE HUNDRED  
8 DOLLARS VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN SUCH DISTRICT  
9 UPON RECEIPT OF A REQUEST TO DO SO BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
10 STOKESDALE.  
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12 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

13 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 69-25.1 reads as rewritten:

14 **"§ 69-25.1. Election to be held upon petition of voters.**

15 Upon the petition of thirty-five percent (35%) of the resident freeholders living in an area  
16 lying outside the corporate limits of any city or town, which area is described in the petition  
17 and designated as " \_\_\_\_\_

18 (Here insert name)

19 Fire District," the board of county commissioners of the county shall call a special election in  
20 said district for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters therein the question of levying  
21 and collecting a special tax on all taxable property in said district, of not exceeding fifteen cents  
22 (15¢) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property, for the purpose of providing  
23 fire protection in said district. The county tax office shall be responsible for checking the  
24 freeholder status of those individuals signing the petition and confirming the location of the  
25 property owned by those individuals. Unless specifically excluded by other law, the provisions  
26 of Chapter 163 of the General Statutes concerning petitions for referenda and special elections  
27 shall apply. If the voters reject the special tax under the first paragraph of this section, then no  
28 new election may be held under the first paragraph of this section within two years on the  
29 question of levying and collecting a special tax under the first paragraph of this section in that  
30 district, or in any proposed district which includes a majority of the land within the district in  
31 which the tax was rejected.

32 ~~Upon the petition of thirty five percent (35%) of the resident freeholders living in an area~~  
33 ~~which has previously been established as a fire protection district and in which there has been~~  
34 ~~authorized by a vote of the people a special tax not exceeding ten cents (10¢) on the one~~  
35 ~~hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property within the area, adoption of a resolution by the~~



1 Town Council of the Town of Stokesdale requesting a special election for the purposes  
2 described in this section, the board of county commissioners ~~shall~~ of Guilford County may call  
3 a special election in ~~said area~~ that portion of the area encompassing the Stokesdale Fire  
4 Protection District that lies in Guilford County for the purpose of submitting to the qualified  
5 voters therein the question of increasing the allowable special tax for fire protection within said  
6 district from ten cents (10¢ ) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation to fifteen cents  
7 (15¢ ) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation on all taxable property within such  
8 district. Special elections on the question of increasing the allowable tax rate for fire protection  
9 shall not be held within the same district at intervals less than two years."

10 **SECTION 2.** This act applies to Guilford County only.

11 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.