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Introduced By: Representatives Landroche, Gorham, Moffitt, Williamson, and Sullivan

Date Introduced: June 21, 2006

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 Section 1. BOUNDARIES OF CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT

2 All that part of the town of Coventry lying and being within the following lines and
3 bounds: Beginning at a point on the Coventry-West Greenwich town line six hundred (600) feet
4 easterly from the intersection of said town line with Weaver Hill road, so called; thence
5 continuing in a general northerly direction in a line which is at all times six hundred (600) feet
6 from and parallel with said Weaver Hill road to Harkney Hill road, so called; thence continuing
7 in a general northerly direction in a line which at all times is six hundred (600) feet from and
8 parallel with an old highway (formerly known as the Williams Crossing road) which leads from
9 the intersection of said Weaver Hill road and said Harkney Hill road to Rhode Island state
10 highway route 117 to a point six hundred (600) feet southerly from said route 117; thence turning
11 and running in general northeasterly and easterly direction in a line which at all times is six
12 hundred (600) feet southerly from and parallel with said route 117 to a point six hundred (600)
13 feet easterly from the point where County road or Hammit road, whichever called, if extended
14 would intersect this boundary line; thence turning and running northerly in a line which at all
15 times is six hundred (600) feet easterly from and parallel with said County or Hammit road so
16 extended; and said County or Hammit road to a point on the Potterville or Maple Valley road, so

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15 times is six hundred (600) feet easterly from and parallel with said County or Hammit road so
16 extended; and said County or Hammit road to a point on the Potterville or Maple Valley road, so

1 called which point is 900 feet more or less, easterly from the Potterville or Maple Valley school
2 so called thence continuing in a general northerly direction in a line which at all times is six
3 hundred (600) feet easterly from and parallel with the Nipmuc trail so called, to the Scituate-
4 Coventry town line; (the above line is the eastern boundary of the Western Coventry fire district
5 and was taken from their act of incorporation of 1942), thence turning and running easterly on
6 said Scituate-Coventry town line to the northwest corner of lot 116 on AP-30 of the town of
7 Coventry records; thence turning and running southerly on a line 300 feet east of and parallel to
8 the east line of Read School House road until it comes to the intersection of said Read School
9 House road with said Rhode Island state highway 117; thence crossing said route 117 and
10 continuing in a straight line to the north end of the dam on Flat River reservoir thence running
11 across said dam to the south end of said dam; thence running southerly in a straight line to a point
12 on Rhode Island state highway, route 3, three hundred feet west of the intersection of Airport road
13 with said route 3; thence continuing southerly in a straight line to the intersection of Mishnock
14 river with the West Greenwich-Coventry town line; thence turning and running westerly along
15 said town line to the point of beginning.

16 In addition, all those parts of the Town of Coventry within the following boundaries of
17 the entities known as the Harris Fire & Lighting District and the Tiogue Fire District, and the
18 Washington Lighting District, all as further described as follows:

19 And, all that land beginning at a stone bound in the dividing line between the Towns of
20 Coventry and West Warwick, on the south side of the Woodside Avenue (said point being the
21 northeast corner of the Coventry fire district); thence running northerly on said town line to the
22 Cranston city line; thence turning and running westerly along the dividing line of the Town of
23 Coventry and the City of Cranston and continuing westerly along the dividing line of the Town of
24 Coventry and Scituate to the old New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad right-of-way;
25 thence turning and running in a southerly and easterly direction along said railroad to a point 250
26 feet west of the west line of Hill Street; thence running southerly on a line 250 feet west of and
27 parallel to the west side of said Hill Street until it comes to a point on the south line of lot 367 on
28 Coventry assessors plat 2, 250 feet west of the west line of said Hill Street; thence southerly in a
29 straight line to the northeast corner of lot 369 assessors plat 2, thence southerly on the east line of
30 said lot 369, to the southeast corner of said lot 369; thence turning and running westerly along the
31 south line of said lot 369 to the corner of lot 372 plat 2; thence turning and running southerly
32 along the west line of said lot 372 and continuing southerly on the west line of lot 265 of
33 assessors plat 3; to the northwest corner of lot 268 plat 3; from now on to the place of beginning
34 is the boundary line of the Coventry fire district; thence turning and running easterly along the

1 north line of said lot 268 to the west side of Blackrock Road; thence turning and running
2 southerly along the west side of said Blackrock Road to the so-called black rock; thence turning
3 and running in a northeasterly direction to the southwest corner of Greenwood Cemetery; thence
4 turning and running easterly along the southerly line of said Greenwood Cemetery to Fairview
5 Avenue; thence turning and running northeasterly to a point on said Fairview Avenue opposite
6 the south side of said Woodside Avenue; thence turning and running easterly along the south side
7 of said Woodside Avenue to the place of beginning, all such land formerly known as the Harris
8 Fire and Lighting District.

9 And, all that land beginning at a point in the boundary line between the Towns of
10 Coventry and West Warwick, 800 feet south of the southerly line of Tiogue Avenue (Route 3
11 state highway); thence turning and running westerly, bounded northerly by the Coventry fire
12 district, to the southeast corner of land now or formerly of George E. and Olive T. Bockstael,
13 (shown on assessors plat 7, lot 420 of the Town of Coventry records); thence turning and running
14 in a northwesterly direction to the Gate House at the outlet of Tiogue Reservoir, and continuing
15 along the westerly and southerly banks of the Pawtuxet River, until it comes to the eastern
16 boundary line of the Washington lighting district; thence turning and running southerly, bounded
17 westerly by said Washington lighting district, until it comes to the intersection of the center line
18 of Route 3, state highway and the west line of Arnold Road (Arnold Road is referred to in the
19 Washington lighting district charter as Balm of Gilead Road); thence turning and running
20 westerly, bounded northerly by said Washington lighting district, along the center line of Route 3,
21 until it comes to a point 100 feet east of the northeast corner of land now or formerly of Douglas
22 Jackson; thence turning and running in a southerly direction in a direct line to the northwest
23 corner of Tiogue Twin Lakes no. 2 plat; thence running to the southeast corner of Lake George
24 Plat; thence following along the eastern boundaries of properties now or formerly of Jerry
25 Johnson, et ux, Linwood Lace Works and William J. Beattie; thence in a direct line to a stone
26 bound in the boundary line between the Towns of Coventry and West Greenwich, this being the
27 northwest corner of the Town of East Greenwich; thence turning and running easterly on said
28 town line, bounded southerly by the Town of East Greenwich, until it comes to a point 300 feet
29 east of the southeasterly line of the New London Turnpike; thence turning and running in a
30 northeasterly direction, in a line parallel with and 300 feet east of the southeasterly line of said
31 New London Turnpike, until it comes to the boundary line between the Towns of West Warwick
32 and Coventry; thence turning and running northerly on said town line until it comes to a point 800
33 feet south of the southerly side of Tiogue Avenue and the point of beginning, all such land being
34 previously known as Tiogue Fire District.

1 And all that land beginning at the northeast abutment of the railroad bridge, called the
2 Knotty Oak Bridge, and running northerly to the southeast corner of the Rathbun Cemetery and
3 continuing in the same straight line until it comes to the seven and ten line, so called, thence
4 turning and running westerly following the seven and ten line until it comes to a point 500 feet
5 east of the east line of Station Street; thence turning and running northerly on a line 500 feet east
6 of and parallel to the east line of Station Street; thence turning and running northerly on a line 500
7 feet east of and parallel to the east line of Station Street, until it comes to a point at the southwest
8 corner of lot 4 as depicted on the Town of Coventry 1972 Assessor's Plat 21, said point being on
9 the southerly line of Record Lot 8 (AP 69, Lot 49) as shown on that plat entitled
10 "SUBDIVISION PLAN OF HIGHWOOD SECTION NO. 4 SITUATED IN COVENTRY, R.I.
11 SCALE: 1" = 50' MAY 31, 1978." which is recorded in the Town of Coventry Land Evidence
12 Plat Book 7 at Page 22; thence westerly, bounded northerly by a portion of Record Lot 8 (AP 69,
13 Lot 49) and Record Lot 6 (AP 69, Lot 48) as shown on said plat, to a point at the southwesterly
14 corner of Record Lot 4 (AP 69, Lot 47) as shown on said plat; thence northwesterly, bounded
15 northeasterly by Record Lot 4 (AP 69, Lot 47) as shown on said plat, to a point at the
16 southwesterly corner of Record Lot 4 (AP 69, Lot 47) as shown on said plat; thence
17 northwesterly, bounded northeasterly by Record Lot 4 (AP 69, Lot 47) as shown on said plat, to a
18 point on the southerly line of Highwood Drive at the northwesterly corner of Record Lot 4 (AP
19 69, Lot 47) as shown on said plat; thence northwesterly and crossing Highwood Drive to a point
20 at the southwesterly corner of Record Lot 3 (AP 69, Lot 25) as shown on said plat; thence
21 northwesterly, bounded northeasterly by Record Lot 3 as shown on said plat, to a point at the
22 northwesterly corner of Record Lot 3 (AP 69, Lot 25) as shown on said plat;

23 Thence northeasterly, bounded southeasterly in part by Record Lot 3 (AP 69, Lot 25) and
24 in part by Record Lot 5 (AP 69, Lot 24) as shown on said plat, to a point at the southwesterly
25 corner of Record Lot 50 (AP 69, Lot 90) as shown on that plat entitled "RECORD PLAN PHASE
26 3 Highwood Subdivision A RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION LOCATED IN COVENTRY, R.I.
27 PREPARED BY DiPrete Engineering Associates, Inc. ENGINEERING, SURVEYING AND
28 PLANNING CONSULTANTS 75 SOCKANOSSET CROSSROAD, SUITE 300 CRANSTON,
29 R.I. 02920 (401) 943-1000 FAX: (401) 464-6006 JULY, 1995 Scale: 1" = 60'." which plan is
30 recorded in the Town of Coventry Land Evidence Plat Book 14 at Page 66;

31 Thence northeasterly, bounded southeasterly by Record Lot 50 (AP 59, Lot 90) as shown
32 on said plat, to a point on the southerly line of Ginger Trail at the northwesterly corner of Record
33 Lot 50 (AP 69, Lot 90) as shown on said plat;

34 Thence northwesterly, crossing Ginger Trail, to a point at the southwesterly corner of

1 Record Lot 20 (AP 69, Lot 104) as shown on said plat;
2 Thence northwesterly, bounded northeasterly in part by Record Lot 20 (AP 69, Lot 104)
3 and crossing Record Lot 68 (AP 69, Lot 3.11), to a point at the southerly corner of Record Lot 11
4 (AP 69, Lot 116) as shown on that plat entitled "RECORD PLAN PHASE 4 Highwood
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8 (401) 943-1000 FAX: (401) 464-6006 JULY, 1995 Scale: 1" = 60'." which plan is recorded in
9 the Town of Coventry Land Evidence Plat Book 15 at Page 72;
10 Thence northeasterly, bounded northwesterly by Record Lot 11 (AP 69, Lot 116) as
11 shown on said plat, to a point at the northeasterly corner of Record Lot 11 (AP 69, Lot 116) as
12 shown on said plat;
13 Thence southeasterly, bounded northeasterly by AP 69 Lot 35, to a point at the
14 southeasterly corner of AP 69 Lot 35, said point also being on the existing charter line;
15 Thence northerly, bounded westerly by AP 69 Lots 35, 36, 37, 38, 39.01 and 39.02, and
16 running on the existing charter line to the northeasterly corner of AP 69 Lot 39.02;
17 Thence easterly, bounded northerly by AP 77 Lots 90 and 89, and running on the existing
18 charter line to the southwesterly corner of AP 70 Lot 35;
19 Thence northerly, bounded westerly by AP 77 Lot 89, and running on the existing charter
20 line to the northwesterly corner of AP 70 Lot 35;
21 Thence northwesterly, crossing OPEN SPACE D (AP 77, Lot 89) as shown on that plat
22 entitled "FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN PHASE 2 A HUNTERS CROSSING COVENTRY, R.I.
23 Scale: 1" = 80' Date: December 21, 1995 Revision A." which plat is recorded in the Town of
24 Coventry Land Evidence Plat Book 13 at Pages 29-31, to the southeasterly corner of Record Lot
25 42 (AP 77, Lot 81) as shown on said plat;
26 Thence northwesterly, bounded northeasterly by Record Lot 41 (AP 77, Lot 82) as shown
27 on said plat, to a point on the southerly line of Hunters Crossing at the northwesterly corner of
28 said Record Lot 41 (AP 77, Lot 82);
29 Thence northwesterly and crossing Hunters Crossing to a point at the southwesterly
30 corner of Record Lot 77 (AP 77, Lot 46) as shown on said plat;
31 Thence northwesterly, bounded northeasterly by said Record Lot 77 (AP 77, Lot 46), to a
32 point at the northwesterly corner of said Record Lot 77 (AP 77, Lot 46);
33 Thence northwesterly, bounded northeasterly by a portion of Record Lot 121, Record
34 Lots 119, 117 and crossing a portion of OPEN SPACE lot (a portion of AP 77, Lot 117, AP 77,

1 Lots 116, 115 and crossing a portion of AP 77, Lot 174) as shown on that plat entitled "FINAL
2 SUBDIVISION PLAN PHASE 3 B HUNTERS CROSSING COVENTRY, R.I. Scale: 1" = 80'
3 Date: December 29, 1995 Revision A." which plat is recorded in the Town of Coventry Land
4 Evidence Plat Book 13 at Pages 104-105, to a point at the southwesterly corner of Record Lot 116
5 (AP 77, Lot 114) as shown on said plat;

6 Thence northerly, bounded easterly by Record Lot 116, 114, 112 and 110 (AP 77, Lots
7 114, 113, 112 and 111) as shown on said plat, to a point at the northwesterly corner of Record Lot
8 110 (AP 77, Lot 111) as shown on said plat;

9 Thence easterly, bounded southerly by said Record Lot 110 (AP 77, Lot 111), to a point
10 at the southwesterly corner of Record Lot 108 (AP 77, Lot 110) as shown on said plat;

11 Thence northerly, bounded easterly by said Record Lot 108 (AP 77, Lot 110), to a point
12 on the southerly line of Remington Farm Drive at the northwesterly corner of said Record Lot
13 108 (AP 77, Lot 110);

14 Thence northeasterly and crossing Remington Farm Drive to the southwesterly corner of
15 Record Lot 106 as shown on said plat (AP 77, Lot 109);

16 Thence northerly, bounded easterly by said Record Lot 106 (AP 77, Lot 109), to a point
17 at the northwesterly corner of said Record Lot 106 (AP 77, Lot 109);

18 Thence easterly, bounded southerly by Record Lots 106, 105 and 103 (AP 77, Lots 109,
19 108 and 107), to a point at the northeasterly corner of said Record Lot 103 (AP 77, Lot 107);

20 Thence easterly, bounded southerly by Record Lots 101, 99 and 98 (AP 77, Lots 106, 105
21 and 104), to a point at the northeasterly corner of said Record Lot 98 (AP 77, Lot 104) as shown
22 on that plat entitled "FINAL SUBDIVISION PLAN PHASE 3 A HUNTERS CROSSING
23 COVENTRY, R.I. Scale: 1" = 80' Date: December 29, 1995 Revision A." which is recorded in
24 the Town of Coventry Plat Book 13 at Page 103;

25 Thence northwesterly, crossing Record Lot OPEN SPACE L(a) (AP 78, Lot 6.7) as
26 shown on said plat, to a point at the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of Everett and
27 Susie Kingsborough shown as Lot 12.1 on the Town of Coventry Assessor's Plat 85;

28 Thence northeasterly to the existing charter line between the Coventry fire District and
29 the Washington Lighting District at the northeasterly corner of Lot 28 as depicted on the 1972
30 Assessor's Plat 20;

31 Thence northerly along Lot 6 Plat 20 to the corner of Lots 6 and 3 Plat 20, thence in a
32 straight line to the northeast corner of Lot 36 Plat 20 and the southwest corner of Lot 13 Plat 19;
33 northerly along the east line of Lot 1 Plat 19 to the northwest corner of Lot 25 Plat 19 at Scituate
34 town line; turning westerly along said Scituate town line to a point 300 feet east of Read School

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1 House Road; turning southerly along a line 300 feet east of and parallel to Read School House
2 Road, crossing Route 117 and continuing to the north end of the dam of the Flat River Reservoir,

3 ^Thence running southerly across the dam to the south end of said dam; thence running
4 southerly in a straight line to a point on state highway, Route 3, 300 feet west of the intersection
5 of Reservoir Road and said Route 3;

6 ^Thence crossing said Route 3 and running southerly in a straight line to a point 500 feet
7 south of the south line of said Route 3;

8 Thence turning and running easterly on a line 500 feet south of and parallel to the south
9 line of said Route 3 until it comes to the westerly boundary of the former Tiogue Lighting
10 District;

11 Thence northerly along the western boundary line of said former Tiogue Lighting
12 District until it comes to the southern line of Route 3;

13 Thence turning and running in a northeasterly direction, crossing Route 3, to the
14 northeast corner of said Route 3 and Hopkins Hill Road; thence easterly in a straight line to the
15 intersection of said Route 3 and Arnold Road; thence turning and running northerly in a straight
16 line, across the Pawtuxet River, to the northeast abutment of the railroad bridge and the point of
17 beginning, all such land being previously known as the Washington Lighting District is hereby
18 incorporated into a consolidated district to be called the "Central Coventry Fire District."

19 Said district may have a common seal, sue and be sued, and enjoy the other powers
20 generally incident to a corporation.

21 Sec 2. QUALIFIED VOTERS

22 The inhabitants of said district who are qualified voters in the town of Coventry shall be
23 eligible to vote and act in meetings of the corporation.

24 Sec. 3. FIRST CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETINGS
25 OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT.

26 ~~The first meeting of said fire district shall be holden on the third Monday in June next~~
27 ~~ensuing, at a place in said district to be named in the notice of said meeting.~~

28 (a) 2006 - First consolidated meeting:

29 Commencing in the year 2006, a special meeting of the consolidated district shall be held
30 within thirty (30) days of the amendment of this Charter by and among the Boards of Directors of
31 Central Coventry Fire District, the Washington Lighting District, the Harris Fire & Lighting
32 District and the Tiogue Fire District for the purposes of constituting the first Board of Directors of
33 the consolidated district, in accordance with Section 5 herein and for adopting the initial by-laws
34 for the Consolidated District.

1 (b) Annual Meetings & Quorum:

2 Annual meetings of said fire district for the election of officers and the transaction of any
3 other business of the fire district shall be held. ~~Commencing in the year 1991 and annually~~
4 ~~thereafter said annual meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday in April. Fifteen (15)~~
5 Twenty five (25) qualified voters shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any
6 meeting of the corporation.

7 ~~Commencing in 2007 and continuing annually thereafter, the district shall hold an annual~~
8 ~~meeting in a public place on the second Monday in September, at 7:00 P.M. at such place within~~
9 ~~the District as the Board shall determine, for the purposes of: (1) electing a Board of Directors;~~
10 ~~(2) authorizing the assessment of all the taxable personal and real property of the District; (3)~~
11 ~~authorizing the collection of taxes, as further set forth in Section 6 hereunder; (4) authorizing an~~
12 ~~annual budget to provide for the purchase and maintenance of equipment, apparatus, real and~~
13 ~~personal property, the payment of wages and salaries, and for such other expenditures deemed~~
14 ~~necessary by the qualified voters of the District; and (5) For such other lawful purposes deemed~~
15 ~~necessary and proper by either the Board of Directors or qualified voters of the district.~~

16 (c) Call of the Meeting:

17 ~~Seven (7) days notice of said meeting, stating the time, place, and purpose thereof and~~
18 ~~signed by five (5) or more of the qualified voters of said district, shall be given by posting the~~
19 ~~same in three (3) or more public places in said district, at least one (1) week before said meeting,~~
20 ~~and by publishing the same for at least one (1) week prior to said meeting, and by publishing the~~
21 ~~same for at least one (1) week prior to said meeting in some newspaper published in the county of~~
22 ~~Kent.~~

23 ~~At said meeting the question "Shall the Central Coventry fire district be established~~
24 ~~according to the act of incorporation passed by the general assembly of the state?" shall be~~
25 ~~submitted. All persons possessing the qualifications set forth in section 2 of this act shall be~~
26 ~~entitled to vote on said question. If a majority of the persons so voting shall vote "yes", then, said~~
27 ~~Central Coventry fire district shall be established, according to the provisions of this act;~~
28 ~~otherwise this act shall become null and void.~~

29 The Clerk of the District shall give notice of the annual meetings by causing a copy
30 thereof to be posted at least twice in some newspaper distributed in Kent County, and posted in
31 each fire station of the District not less than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting date.

32 The annual meeting and all other meetings of the District shall be held in a public place,
33 which shall be accessible to the handicapped, pursuant to the requirements of the Rhode Island
34 Constitution, Article 1 & 2 and applicable federal and state non-discrimination laws.

1 Sec. 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS

2 (a) Special meetings may be called upon written request of not less than twenty-five (25)
3 qualified voters, or may be called by a majority vote of the board of Directors. Said qualified
4 voters may hold special meetings which, as well as the annual meetings, shall be called and notice
5 given in such a manner as the qualified voters may prescribe. It shall be the duty of the clerk to
6 call a special meeting upon written application signed by twelve (12) or more qualified voters.
7 Written application for a special meeting as well as the notice thereof, shall mention the reason
8 for such special meeting. Notice of the special meeting shall be given in the same manner as the
9 annual meeting not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. The purpose of the
10 meeting shall be stated in the notice and call for meeting and no other business shall be
11 transacted.

12 (b) Any special meeting called for the purpose of filling a vacancy among district officers
13 shall be advertised in the same manner as the annual meeting, as set forth in Section 3 (c) of this
14 Charter.

15 Sec. 5. DIRECTORS & OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION -MODERATOR -
16 QUALIFICATIONS

17 (a) The consolidated district board shall be comprised of seven (7) directors, none of
18 whom shall be then serving as a Treasurer or Tax Collector of any individual district, appointed
19 by the respective Boards of each individual fire district and shall be constituted as follows: Two
20 (2) members shall be appointed by the Central Coventry Fire District; Two (2) members shall be
21 appointed by the Central Washington Fire District; One (1) member shall be appointed by the
22 Harris Fire District; One (1) member shall be appointed by the Tiogue Fire District; the final
23 member shall be appointed by the preceding six (6) members and may be from any of the
24 individual fire districts. The consolidated district Board of Directors shall elect a President and
25 Vice President, and all seven Directors shall be qualified to serve in office until at least the next
26 annual meeting. At the first meeting of the consolidated district, the Board shall determine by
27 some acceptable means, the order in which the members' seats shall come up for election.

28 (b) Thereafter, three (3) Directors will be elected to a three (3) year term at the 2007
29 annual meeting and every third year thereafter. Two (2) directors shall be elected at the 2008
30 annual meeting and every third year thereafter. Two (2) Directors shall be elected at the 2009
31 annual meeting and every third year thereafter.

32 ~~Said qualified voters, at each annual meeting, and at any other meetings when vacancies~~
33 ~~occur, may elect such officers as are deemed necessary for the efficient operation of said fire~~
34 ~~district. The duties of these officers shall be specified in the by laws of the Fire District.~~

1 (c) Any inhabitant qualified to vote at any District meeting may be a candidate for
2 District office, provided such candidate submits to the District clerk the title of the elective office
3 sought, together with a petition signed by twenty (20) inhabitants qualified to vote at any District
4 meeting, at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the meeting. This list of signatures is to be
5 certified by the clerk no later than thirty (30) days prior to an annual or special meeting of the
6 District.

7 (d) The clerk of the District shall post in a conspicuous place a list of all persons certified
8 to stand for election and the office to which each person seeks election in at least eight (8) public
9 places within the district, including all actively used District stations, at least twenty (20) days
10 prior to the annual meeting or any other special meeting called for the election of officers.

11 (e) The Board of Directors shall have the power to declare an office vacant if the person
12 filling that office fails to attend three (3) consecutive monthly meetings of the Board.

13 (f) In the event that a vacancy in any elective office of the District occurs, the president or
14 clerk shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors of the district within ten (10) working days
15 after such vacancy occurs. The Board of Directors shall select a qualified elector of the District to
16 fill the vacancy for a period of up to sixty (60) days.

17 (g) Upon the occurrence of any vacancy in any elective office of the District, the
18 president shall call a special meeting of the District for the purpose of electing a qualified elector
19 to fill the office vacated for the remainder of the original term of office. Said special meeting
20 shall be held within sixty-five (65) days from the date such original vacancy occurs.

21 Sec. 6 DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

22 (a) The Board of Directors shall hold monthly public meetings to conduct the business of
23 the District. The Board of Directors shall be empowered and responsible to: (1) Fix the amount
24 of the bond of the Treasurer and the Tax Collector; (2) Order payment of the district's bills and
25 indebtedness; (3) Be in charge of and supervise the care of the district's properties; (4) Cause
26 district property to be insured; (5) Purchase equipment, property and apparatus as required by the
27 District's needs and budget; (6) Appoint an Administrative Fire Chief, Tax Collector and
28 Treasurer and other employees. No less than one half (1/2) of the members of the Board of
29 Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

30 (b) The foregoing list of duties shall not be deemed to be limiting and the directors shall
31 have all necessary authority to operate and conduct the business of the District as necessary, all
32 within the bounds of the laws of the State of Rhode Island. The Board of Directors shall have the
33 power to appoint and/or employ a tax assessor, tax collector, treasurer, clerk, and other
34 committees and/or positions deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the District.

1 (c) The members of the Board of Directors and any official appointed by said Board of
2 Directors shall be subject to the Rhode Island Code of Ethics in Government, Chapter 14 of Title
3 36 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

4 (d) The president of said District shall preside at all annual and special meetings as
5 moderator; in his/her absence the vice president shall serve as moderator; in the absence of both,
6 a temporary moderator may be elected by a majority of voters present and voting.

7 (e) The administrative duties of these Directors shall be specified in the by-laws of the
8 fire district.

9 Sec. 6. 7. TAXING AUTHORITY - TAX ASSESSOR

10 (a) Said qualified voters at any of their legal meetings shall have the power to order such
11 taxes and provide for the assessing and collecting of the same on the taxable inhabitants and
12 property in said district as they shall deem necessary for purchasing fire engines, and all other
13 implements and apparatus for the extinguishing of fire; for the purchase of land and buildings for
14 keeping same; for the purchasing, installation, operation and maintenance of a suitable alarm
15 system; for making cisterns and reservoirs; for paying the salaries of district officers and
16 employees, firemen, as well as the members of the rescue unit known as Central Coventry
17 Rescue. And such taxes, so ordered, shall be assessed by the assessors of said district on the
18 taxable inhabitants and property therein according to the last valuation made by the assessors of
19 the town of Coventry next previous to said assessment, adding, however, any taxable property
20 which may have been omitted by said town assessors or afterwards acquired; and in assessing and
21 collecting said taxes such proceedings shall be had by the officers of said district, as near as may
22 be, as are required to be had by the corresponding officers of towns in assessing and collecting
23 taxes; provided, however, that the tax assessed and payable in any one year under the provisions
24 of this section shall not exceed six (6) mills on each dollar of valuation.

25 (b) The qualified voters of the Central Coventry ~~F~~ire ~~D~~istrict are also authorized to
26 raise money through taxes to purchase the necessary vehicles and equipment to operate and
27 maintain a rescue unit to be known as the Central Coventry Rescue.

28 (c) TAX ASSESSOR

29 There shall be at least one District Tax Assessor, who may also serve as District Clerk,
30 who shall be appointed or employed by the District. The tax assessor shall levy and assess taxes
31 at such rate as the district shall vote, on all taxable real and personal property in the district and
32 shall prepare and deposit the tax list with the tax collector and treasurer of the district; said board
33 shall assess property on the basis of the last valuation made by the assessors of the Town of
34 Coventry next previous to said assessment.

1 ~~Sec. 7. Entire section deleted 1992~~

2 ~~Sec. 8. Entire section 8 deleted 1992~~

3 Sec. 8 DISTRICT CLERK

4 There shall be a District Clerk who shall be appointed or employed by the District. The
5 clerk shall keep full, fair and accurate records and minutes of the meetings of the Board of
6 Directors and district meetings and shall make said minutes available to members of the public, in
7 accordance with the Rhode Island Public Records Act, Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Rhode Island
8 General Laws. The Clerk shall be responsible to give notice of District meetings as set forth
9 under the provisions of this Charter and pursuant to the Rhode Island Open Meetings Laws,
10 Chapter 46 of Title 42 of the Rhode Island General Laws. The clerk shall maintain a current copy
11 of the District Charter and by-laws.

12 Sec. 9 DISTRICT TREASURER

13 There shall be a District Treasurer who shall be appointed or employed by the District.
14 The Treasurer shall receive all money paid to the District and deposit the same in such federally
15 insured bank or banking system as shall be designated by the Board of Directors to the credit of
16 the District, provided that in the event of a surplus of funds, the Board of Directors may direct
17 deposits to be made in a savings account in some federally insured banking institution. The
18 Treasurer shall sign all duly authorized distinct notes and bonds and shall be bonded in an amount
19 to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall pay all District obligations by
20 check, as approved by the Board of Directors and shall close the books as of the last day of each
21 fiscal year. The Treasurer shall submit a report to the Board of Directors monthly. The Treasurer
22 shall at every annual meeting, fully report the condition of the treasury of the District, showing
23 receipts and expenditures of the preceding year.

24 Sec. 10 TAX COLLECTOR

25 There shall be a District Tax Collector who shall be appointed or employed by the
26 District. The tax collector shall collect and pay to the District treasurer all taxes and interest
27 collected by him/her as and when received and shall be bonded in a sum fixed by the Board of
28 Directors; shall close his or her books as of the last day of each fiscal year and shall prepare and
29 present a written report to the annual meeting; shall submit a written report to the treasurer
30 monthly; shall consult an attorney approved by the Board when legal action is necessary for the
31 collection of unpaid taxes; shall be responsible for the preparation of the tax roll.

32 Sec. 9- 11 BY-LAWS

33 The qualified voters of said district may enact all by-laws by them adjudged necessary
34 and expedient for carrying the provisions of this act into effect, provided the same be not in

1 violation of or repugnant to the laws of this state.

2 The qualified voters may change any provision of the by-laws at any annual or special
3 meeting, provided the proposed change has been noticed in the call of the meeting.

4 Sec. 10. 12 AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW FUNDS

5 The Central Coventry fire district is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow from
6 time to time such sums of money as may be necessary, not however, to exceed the sum of ~~three~~
7 ~~hundred thousand (\$300,000) dollars~~ one-half (1/2) of the annual operating budget, for the
8 purpose of procuring real and personal estate, the erection and maintenance of buildings, the
9 procuring of fire and water apparatus, for the payment of any legal indebtedness of said district,
10 or for the purpose of purchasing or procuring any other property, real or personal, that may be
11 legally acquired and held by said district.

12 Sec. 10A. 13 The Central Coventry fire district is authorized to install lighting on the
13 streets and highways of the district.

14 Sec. 14. PRESERVATION OF RIGHTS UNDER EXISTING LABOR CONTRACTS

15 In accordance with the provision of Section 19.1 of Chapter 7, Title 28 of the Rhode
16 Island General Laws, this act of consolidation shall not impair the provisions of any existing labor
17 contracts for persons employed by any of the individual fire districts. Notwithstanding this
18 consolidation, the labor contracts shall continue in full force and effect until their termination
19 dates or until otherwise agreed by the parties or their legal successors.

20 Sec. 11 15. This act shall take effect no later than sixty days after its enactment and all
21 acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith or repugnant thereto, are hereby repealed.

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AN ACT

IN AMENDMENT OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT IN FURTHERANCE OF THE "CONSOLIDATION PLAN" OF THE CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT, THE WASHINGTON LIGHTING DISTRICT, THE HARRIS FIRE & LIGHTING DISTRICT AND THE TIOGUE FIRE DISTRICT, AS APPROVED BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID DISTRICTS, AT DULY CALLED MEETINGS HELD ON MARCH 28, 2006

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Presented by

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RHODE ISLAND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2005-2006

REPORT OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DATE 6/22

Bill Number: 0610285 Principal Sponsor: NYS LANDRUCHTE
Short Title: Consolidation - Central Coventry Fire Dist

To the Speaker of the House:

On a motion by Representative Moffitt, seconded by Representative San Bento, the Finance Committee, by a vote of 18 to 0, agreed to recommend to the House the following action on the above referenced bill:

- Passage
Passage of the bill as amended or in substitution form
No Passage
Without recommendation
Held for further study

Table with columns: MEMBER, YEA, NAY, ABSENT, ABSTAIN. Lists members like Steven M. Costantino, Paul W. Crowley, etc., with checkboxes for their votes.

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Respectfully submitted:

Signature of Chair

Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary