

(R954, H2368)

An Act To Create The Boiling Springs Fire District In Greenville County; To Provide For A Board Of Fire Control For The District; To Prescribe The Powers, Duties And Membership Of The Board; To Provide For Tax Levies; And To Provide Penalties For Certain Violations.

Whereas, a majority of the freeholders in the proposed Boiling Springs Fire District has executed a petition requesting the General Assembly to create a fire district for that area; and

Whereas, the need for fire protection in this area of Greenville County has now become necessary. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the Boiling Springs Fire District in Greenville County, which shall include the following area:

That area as delineated on a plat prepared by the Greenville County Planning Commission entitled "Proposed Boiling Springs Fire District" and recorded in the office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance for Greenville County in Plat Book 4-D at page 287.

SECTION 2. There is hereby established a board of fire control for the district, composed of five members appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of a majority of the Greenville County Council. Terms of office shall be for four years and until successors are appointed and qualify. *Provided*, however, that of those first appointed two shall serve a term of two years, two shall serve a term of three years and one shall serve a term of four years, the respective terms of office being designated by the Governor in his appointments. The members of the board shall serve without pay and shall file annually a report with the Greenville County Council, not later than the first of November of each year, showing all activities and disbursements made by the board during the year.

SECTION 3. The board shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

(a) To buy such fire-fighting equipment as the board deems necessary for the purpose of controlling fires within the money allocated or made available to the board for such purposes.

(b) To select the sites or places within the area where the fire-fighting equipment shall be kept.

(c) To provide and select the drivers and other volunteer firemen to man such equipment who shall serve without compensation.

(d) To procure and supervise the training of the volunteer fireman selected to insure that the equipment shall be utilized for the best interest of the area.

(e) To be responsible for the upkeep, maintenance and repairs of the trucks and other fire-fighting equipment and to that end shall, as often as is deemed necessary, inspect such equipment.

(f) To promulgate such rules and regulations as it may deem proper and necessary to insure that the equipment is being used to best advantage of the area.

(g) To construct, if necessary, buildings to house the equipment authorized herein.

(h) To borrow not exceeding twenty thousand dollars on such terms and for such a period as to the fire control board may seem most beneficial for the fire district in anticipation of taxes. The indebtedness shall be evidenced by a note issued by the members of the board and the county treasurer. The full faith and taxing power of the Boiling Springs Fire District is hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the indebtedness.

SECTION 4. The Auditor and Treasurer of Greenville County are hereby directed to levy and collect a tax of not more than twenty mills, to be determined by the board of fire control, upon all taxable property of the district for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred by the board. All monies collected from this levy shall be credited to the fire district.

SECTION 5. The fire chief or equivalent official of the truck company to which the equipment is assigned shall have complete supervision over its use and operation and it shall be his responsibility to insure that the equipment is readily available for use at all times.

SECTION 6. All members of the truck company of the district may direct and control traffic at the scene of any fire in the area of the county and enforce the laws of this State relating to the following of fire apparatus, the crossing of fire hose and interfering with firemen in the discharge of their duties in connection with a fire in a like manner as provided for the enforcement of such laws by peace officers.

SECTION 7. It is unlawful to interfere with a member of a fire department in the discharge of his duties in the district or to inter-

fere with any fire apparatus used by the fire department in the district, and any person so offending shall be subject to a fine of not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisonment for not exceeding thirty days.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor.

In the Senate House the 4th day of March

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

JOHN C. WEST,
President of the Senate.

SOLOMON BLATT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved the 6th day of March, 1970.

ROBERT E. McNAIR,
Governor.