

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 943  
SENATE BILL 1494

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF RICHFIELD TO BE INCLUDED WITHIN A  
RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 69-25.1 reads as rewritten:

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

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

.....  
(Here insert name)

Fire District,' the board of county commissioners of the county shall call an election in said district for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters therein the question of levying and collecting a special tax on all taxable property in said district, of not exceeding fifteen cents (15¢) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property, for the purpose of providing fire protection in said district. If the voters reject the special tax under the first paragraph of this section, then no new election may be held under the first paragraph of this section within two years on the question of levying and collecting a special tax under the first paragraph of this section in that district, or in any proposed district which includes a majority of the land within the district in which the tax was rejected.

Upon the petition of thirty-five percent (35%) of the resident freeholders living in an area which has previously been established as a fire protection district and in which there has been authorized by a vote of the people a special tax not exceeding ten cents (10¢) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property within the area, the board of county commissioners shall call an election in said area for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters therein the question of increasing the allowable special tax for fire protection within said district from ten cents (10¢) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation to fifteen cents (15¢) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation on all taxable property within such district. Elections on the question of increasing the allowable tax rate for fire protection shall not be held within the same district at intervals less than two years."

Sec. 2. If the Town of Richfield is included within the boundaries of any rural fire protection district created under Article 3A of Chapter 69 of the General

Statutes, G.S. 69-25.15 shall not apply as to any annexations by that town within that district.

Sec. 3. This act applies to the Town of Richfield only.

Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17th day of July, 1990.