

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 599

Short Title: Municipal Fire Departments.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Hall.

Referred to: Ways and Means.

March 24, 2003

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT REQUIRING CITIES TO PAY A SHARE OF THE PAYMENT DUE ON
3 DEBT RELATING TO FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT INCURRED BY
4 MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEER FIRE
5 DEPARTMENTS WHEN THE CITIES ANNEX CERTAIN AREAS SERVED BY
6 THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is
9 amended by adding a new Part to read:

10 "Part 7. General Provisions.

11 "**§ 160A-58.30. Assumption of municipal fire department debt after annexation.**

12 If a county has contracted with a city to provide fire-fighting and prevention services
13 under G.S. 153A-233 in a fire service district established under Article 16 of Chapter
14 153A of the General Statutes and the whole or a part of the district is annexed by
15 another city under Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes or added to the
16 city's corporate boundaries by an act of the General Assembly, the annexing city shall
17 pay annually to the city that provided fire prevention services a proportionate share of
18 any payments due on any debt (including principal and interest) relating to facilities or
19 equipment of the municipal fire department or municipal volunteer fire department if
20 the debt was existing at the time of submission of the petition for annexation or
21 adoption of the resolution of intent. The payments shall be in the same proportion that
22 the assessed valuation of the area of the district annexed bears to the assessed valuation
23 of the entire district on the date the annexation ordinance or act of the General
24 Assembly becomes effective or another date for valuation mutually agreed upon by the
25 city and the fire department."

26 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.