

HB 2777 -- FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY

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Currently, in St. Louis County, when a fire protection district services an area annexed by a city with a municipal fire department, the fire protection district continues to provide fire protection and emergency medical services to the area, the city pays to the fire protection district an amount equal to that which the fire protection district would have levied in the annexed area, and the annexed area is not subject to taxation by the fire protection district except for bonded indebtedness incurred prior to the annexation.

This bill specifies that for property within a fire protection district that is annexed by a city after the effective date of the bill, the fire protection district must continue to provide services to the annexed area, and the annexed property must continue to be subject to taxation by the fire protection district and not to the city for fire protection and emergency medical services.

The amount that the city must pay to the fire protection district must be phased out, and the amount the annexed area must pay to the fire protection district must be conversely phased in, until only the annexed area pays the fire protection district. The annexed area must not be subject to taxation by the city for fire protection and emergency medical services. The phase out will not become effective until approved by the voters in the annexed area.