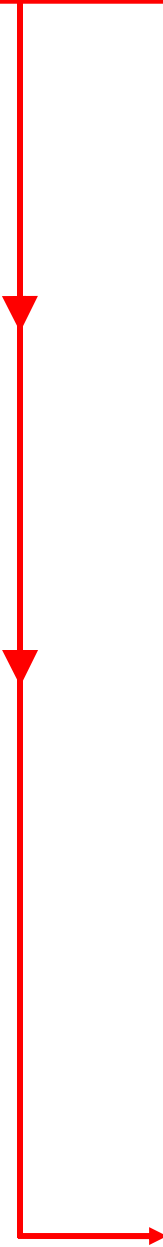


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removed from the fire district pursuant to this subsection shall no longer be permitted to vote in fire district elections, or to otherwise participate in the operations of the fire district. Until the property owner has remitted the full amount of the buy-out payment required by this section, in order to secure the collection of the payment, the district shall retain all rights and remedies as provided in subsection (a).

“(g) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, the boundaries of the fire district may be decreased by the removal from the district of property which is annexed subsequent to the effective date of this act by a municipality that has a municipal fire department. Prior to the municipality’s annexation of property located within the boundaries of a fire district, as a condition precedent to any such annexation, the owner of the property to be annexed into the municipality shall pay to the fire district an amount equal to six times the amount of the fire district service charges assessed against that property for the preceding year. The payment shall be made in one lump sum, and upon receipt thereof the fire district shall certify to the municipality that all fire district service charges for the subject property have been paid in accordance with this subsection, thereby satisfying the condition precedent for the municipality’s annexation of the subject property. The fire district shall have responsibility for fire protection and emergency medical service until the annexation procedure is completed. The fire district shall be notified by the municipality by certified mail that the annexation is complete on the next business day thereafter.

“(h) Within 30 days after the effective date of this amendatory act, a municipality whose corporate limits include property located within a fire district as of the effective date of this amendatory act shall give notice of the buy-out provisions of this act to all owners of said property by certified mail and provide a copy of the mailing list to the respective fire district.

“(i) Upon the removal of properties from within the fire district boundaries pursuant to this section, the fire district shall immediately be relieved of paying any rent or other service charges for fire hydrants located within the boundaries of the property so removed. The district shall be responsible for paying rent or other fire hydrant charges only for fire hydrants located within the then existing boundaries of the district. The municipality shall assume the obligation of the district with respect to those fire hydrants located within its municipal boundaries.

“Section 13. (a) The original service charge shall be levied only after the charge has been first approved by a majority of the votes cast at an election held by the qualified electors residing within the proposed district. **Thereafter, a district may increase the charge after an election pursuant to subsection (b) or by action of the board of trustees without an election on an annual basis by an amount not to exceed five percent of the preceding year’s service charge.**