

**No. M-18. An act relating to approval of the adoption and the codification of the charter of the North Branch Fire District No. 1.**

(H.893)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

**Sec. 1. CHARTER ADOPTION APPROVAL**

The General Assembly approves the adoption of and codifies the charter of the North Branch Fire District No. 1 as set forth in this act. Proposals of charter adoption were approved by the voters on March 25, 2014.

Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 509 is added to read:

**CHAPTER 509. NORTH BRANCH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1**

**§ 1. CORPORATE EXISTENCE RETAINED**

North Branch Fire District No. 1, within the corporate limits presently established, shall continue to be a fire district and municipal corporation by the name of the North Branch Fire District No.1.

**§ 2. GENERAL LAW; APPLICATION**

North Branch Fire District No.1 shall have all the powers granted to fire districts and municipal corporations by the Constitution and laws of this State and this chapter, together with all the implied powers necessary to carry into execution all the powers therein granted.

**§ 3. COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

(a) The Prudential Committee shall annually appoint one or more Collectors of Taxes who shall collect all past due taxes and accounts, interest, and penalties owing on those taxes or accounts. All amounts so collected shall be promptly remitted to the Treasurer of North Branch Fire District No. 1.

(b) An appointed Collector of Taxes shall receive such compensation for his or her services as determined by the Prudential Committee.

(c) An appointed Collector of Taxes shall serve at the pleasure of the Prudential Committee and need not be a resident or voter of North Branch Fire District No. 1.

(d) An appointed Collector of Taxes may also be the Treasurer.

#### § 4. TREASURER

(a) The Prudential Committee shall annually appoint a Treasurer who shall have all the authority, duties, and responsibilities conferred upon fire district treasurers by the general law of the State of Vermont.

(b) The appointed Treasurer shall receive such compensation for his or her services as determined by the Prudential Committee.

(c) The appointed Treasurer shall serve at the pleasure of the Prudential Committee and need not be a resident or voter of North Branch Fire District No. 1.

(d) The appointed Treasurer may also be a Collector of Taxes.

#### Sec. 3. TRANSITIONAL PROVISION; ELECTED COLLECTOR OF TAXES AND TREASURER; TERM EXPIRATION

On July 15, 2014, the terms of the elected Collector of Taxes and Treasurer of the North Branch Fire District No. 1 in office on that date shall expire. Thereafter, one or more Collectors of Taxes and a Treasurer shall be appointed

by the Prudential Committee as provided in Sec. 2 of this act, 24 App. V.S.A.  
chapter 509, §§ 3 (Collector of Taxes) and 4 (Treasurer).

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: May 20, 2014