

1 (7), and (8), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added
2 to that section, to read:

3 191.008 Special powers.--Independent special fire
4 control districts shall provide for fire suppression and
5 prevention by establishing and maintaining fire stations and
6 fire substations and acquiring and maintaining such
7 firefighting and fire protection equipment deemed necessary to
8 prevent or fight fires. All construction shall be in
9 compliance with applicable state, regional, and local
10 regulations, including adopted comprehensive plans and land
11 development regulations. The board shall have and may exercise
12 any or all of the following special powers relating to
13 facilities and duties authorized by this act:

14 (5) Recover reasonable court costs, including
15 attorney's fees, from the nonprevailing party in any civil
16 action to enforce the provisions of chapter 553 or chapter 633
17 and this section concerning fire suppression and prevention
18 and the enforcement of the firesafety code.

19 Section 3. Subsection (12) is added to section
20 191.011, Florida Statutes, to read:

21 191.011 Procedures for the levy and collection of
22 non-ad valorem assessments.--

23 (12) Property owned or operated by a religious
24 institution and used primarily as a place of worship shall be
25 exempt from any non-ad valorem assessments levied pursuant to
26 this act if the governing board of the district desires to
27 exempt all religious institutions in the district from such
28 assessments. The term "religious institution" means any
29 church, synagogue, or other established physical place for
30 worship at which nonprofit religious services and activities
31 are regularly conducted and carried on.

1 Section 4. Section 191.016, Florida Statutes, is
2 created to read:

3 191.016 Annexations within fire control districts.--

4 (1) For the purposes of s. 175.101(1), the boundaries
5 of a district include the annexed area until the completion of
6 the 4-year period provided under s. 171.093(4), or any
7 extension mutually agreed upon by the district and the
8 municipality, or until the termination of an interlocal
9 agreement executed under s. 171.093(3).

10 (2) An annexing municipality shall pay the district
11 payments required under s. 171.093(4)(a) by March 31 of each
12 of the 4 years provided for in s. 171.093(4) or any extension
13 mutually agreed upon by the district and the municipality.
14 However, the annexing municipality is not required to pay the
15 district moneys that have not been paid on a specific parcel
16 until such time as the moneys have been received by the
17 annexing municipality. Within 30 days after receipt, the
18 annexing municipality shall make payment of such moneys to the
19 district.

20 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
21 law.

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23 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
24 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
25 Senate Bill 2020

26 The committee substitute requires a municipality annexing
27 unincorporated land that is located within a fire control
28 district to pay the premium tax revenues, collected from the
29 area that was annexed, to the district for a specified period
30 after the annexation. It also provides a deadline for payments
31 from the municipality to the district.