

**AMENDMENTS TO COUNTY SERVICE AREA
FOR EXTENDED FIRE PROTECTION**

2003 SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: David L. Thomas

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions relating to the creation of a county service area for fire protection, paramedic, and emergency services.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ eliminates a requirement that a proposed county service area for fire protection, paramedic, and emergency services include one or more municipalities in order to avoid an election requirement.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides an immediate effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

17B-2-214, as last amended by Chapter 257, Laws of Utah 2003

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **17B-2-214** is amended to read:

17B-2-214. Election -- Exceptions.

(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3) and in Subsection 17B-2-213(2)(a), an election on the question of whether the local district should be created shall be held by:

- (i) if the proposed local district is located entirely within a single county, the

responsible clerk; or

(ii) except as provided under Subsection (1)(b), if the proposed local district is located within more than one county, the clerk of each county in which part of the proposed local district is located, in cooperation with the responsible clerk.

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (1)(a)(ii), if the proposed local district is located within more than one county and the only area of a county that is included within the proposed local district is located within a single municipality, the election for that area shall be held by the municipal clerk or recorder, in cooperation with the responsible clerk.

(2) Each election under Subsection (1) shall be held at the next special or regular general election date that is:

(a) for an election pursuant to a property owner or registered voter petition, more than 45 days after certification of the petition under Subsection 17B-2-209(3)(b)(i); or

(b) for an election pursuant to a resolution, more than 60 days after the latest hearing required under Section 17B-2-210.

(3) The election requirement of Subsection (1) does not apply:

(a) to a petition filed under Subsection 17B-2-203(1)(a) if it contains the signatures of the owners of private real property that:

(i) is located within the proposed local district;

(ii) covers at least 67% of the total private land area within the proposed local district as a whole and within each applicable area; and

(iii) is equal in value to at least 50% of the value of all private real property within the proposed local district as a whole and within each applicable area;

(b) to a petition filed under Subsection 17B-2-203(1)(b) if it contains the signatures of registered voters residing within the proposed local district as a whole and within each applicable area, equal in number to at least 67% of the number of votes cast in the proposed local district as a whole and in each applicable area, respectively, for the office of governor at the last general election prior to the filing of the petition; or

(c) to a resolution adopted under Subsection 17B-2-203(1)(c) on or after May 5, 2003

that proposes the creation of a local district to provide fire protection, paramedic, and emergency services, if the proposed local district includes a majority of the unincorporated area of one or more counties [~~and all of the area within one or more municipalities~~].

(4) (a) If the proposed local district is located in more than one county, the responsible clerk shall coordinate with the clerk of each other county and the clerk or recorder of each municipality involved in an election under Subsection (1) so that the election is held on the same date and in a consistent manner in each jurisdiction.

(b) The clerk of each county and the clerk or recorder of each municipality involved in an election under Subsection (1) shall cooperate with the responsible clerk in holding the election.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this part, each election under Subsection (1) shall be governed by Title 20A, Election Code.

Section 2. Effective date.

If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto, the date of veto override.