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House Bill 1623 (Montgomery County Delegation)
Ways and Means

Special Taxing Districts - Village of Drummond - Authority and Organization
MC 20-26

This bill updates the Public Local Laws of Montgomery County pertaining to the Village of Drummond. The bill requires the Village Council of Drummond, Montgomery County to constitute the governing body of the village. The bill also makes numerous conforming and technical changes.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect the operations and finances of the Village of Drummond, as discussed below.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current Law: The Village of Drummond is a 41-home village located on Drummond Avenue in Montgomery County, Maryland. The village was created in 1903 and became a special taxing district in 1916. The village is one of three State-created special taxing districts in the county. Under current law, the village is governed by a three-member citizens committee, composed of the mayor, secretary, and treasurer, who are elected annually by village residents. The bill requires the village council to be the governing body of the village and hold multiple public meetings during the year, as specified. The village council appoints the mayor, treasurer, secretary and other officers and employees holding terms and duties established by the village council. The other officers and employees must be bonded with the premiums paid by the village.

The bill clarifies that the village must operate on an annual budget for a fiscal year and the village council must hold a public hearing prior to adopting the budget. The village council may amend the budget from time to time during the fiscal year to meet unanticipated expenditures that may arise. The village council must serve without pay and a majority of the members constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The bill specifies the circumstances in which the village council may contract for material or work, as specified, without having invited bids, including if: (1) the contract award serves a public purpose and there is only one source for the required material to meet the needs of the village; (2) the contract is in connection with potential or pending litigation, condemnation, or collective bargaining; or (3) there exists a threat to public health, safety, or welfare where delay would seriously injure the village financially or otherwise.

The bill specifies that the enumeration of particular powers may not be held or deemed to be exclusive, and the village has other powers as are incident to the powers specifically enumerated in the bill including those granted by the State Constitution.

If any section of the bill is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions of the bill.

Local Fiscal Effect: The village anticipates that two individuals will require a surety bond as specified by the bill. According to the village, the price for one bond is between \$1,000 and \$5,000. The village advises that the costs associated with purchasing the bonds are not anticipated to materially affect village finances.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Montgomery County; Village of Drummond; Department of Legislative Services

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