

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Local Government Council recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to Argyle Fire District, Walton County;
7 creating a special district; providing definitions;
8 providing for creation, status, charter amendments,
9 boundaries, and purposes; providing for a board of
10 commissioners; providing for election and terms of
11 commissioners; providing for employment of board
12 personnel; providing for election of board officers;
13 providing for compensation and bonds of commissioners;
14 providing for powers, duties, and responsibilities of the
15 board; preserving the authority to impose special
16 assessments; providing for impact fees; providing
17 legislative intent; providing for duties of the property
18 appraiser; providing for special assessment as a lien;
19 providing for deposit of such special assessments;
20 providing for authority to disburse funds; authorizing the
21 board to borrow money; providing for use of district
22 funds; requiring a record of all board meetings;
23 authorizing the board to adopt rules and regulations;

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24 providing for the board to make an annual budget;
 25 requiring an annual report; authorizing the board to enact
 26 fire prevention ordinances, appoint a district fire chief,
 27 acquire land, enter contracts, establish salaries, and
 28 establish and operate a fire rescue service; providing for
 29 dissolution; providing for district expansion; providing
 30 for construction and effect; providing an effective date.
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32 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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34 Section 1. The Argyle Fire District in Walton County is
 35 hereby created and the charter for the district is created to
 36 read:

37 Section 1. Definitions.--As used in the act, unless
 38 otherwise specified:

39 (1) "District" means the Argyle Fire District.

40 (2) "Board" means the board of commissioners created
 41 pursuant to this act and chapter 191, Florida Statutes.

42 (3) "Board of directors" means the existing policymaking
 43 and governing body of the Argyle Fire District of Walton County.

44 (4) "Commissioner" means a member of the board of
 45 commissioners of and for the district.

46 (5) "Director" means a member of the board of directors.

47 (6) "Residence" means one single-family dwelling,
 48 including one single-apartment dwelling unit; one single-
 49 condominium dwelling unit; one single duplex, triplex, or other
 50 attached dwelling unit; one single-family detached dwelling
 51 unit; or one single mobile or modular home dwelling unit.

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52 (7) "Business" means motels, apartments, or rental
 53 dwelling, along with other standard commercial or industrial
 54 businesses such as gasoline stations, stores, marinas, and
 55 similar establishments, as authorized pursuant to the applicable
 56 local government comprehensive plan, whether or not such
 57 businesses are required to pay or collect sales taxes.

58 Section 2. Creation; status; charter amendments;
 59 boundaries; district purposes.--There is hereby created an
 60 independent special fire control district and rescue service
 61 district incorporating lands in Walton County described in
 62 subsection (1) which shall be a public corporation having the
 63 powers, duties, obligations, and immunities herein set forth
 64 under the name of the Argyle Fire District. The district is
 65 organized and exists for all purposes and shall hold all powers
 66 set forth in this act and chapters 189 and 191, Florida
 67 Statutes.

68 (1) The lands to be included within the district are the
 69 following described lands in Walton County:

70 Those portions in Township 2 North, Range 18 West
 71 which include, entire sections 1 through 24 inclusive.
 72 Sections 26 through 29 inclusive. Sections 33 through
 73 35 inclusive. And all of Sections 30 and 32 lying East
 74 of the center of Bruce Creek.

75 Those portions within Township 2 North, Range 19 West
 76 which include, Sections 13 and 24 lying East of the
 77 center of Bruce Creek. Sections 1 and 2 lying outside
 78 of the present city limits of DeFuniak Springs.

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79 Those portions in Township 3 North, Range 18 West
80 which include, Sections 4 though 9 inclusive. Sections
81 16 through 21 inclusive. Sections 28 through 29
82 inclusive. Sections 32 and 33 inclusive. Those
83 portions of Sections 30 and 31 lying outside of the
84 present city limits of DeFuniak Springs.

85 Those portions in Township 3 North, Range 19 West
86 which include, those parts of Sections 1 and 2 lying
87 South of the centerline of County Road 1883 and
88 Sunrise Road. The portion of Section 3 lying south of
89 the centerline of Sunrise Road. The portion of Section
90 10 lying North and Southeast of Lake Juniper. Entire
91 Sections 11, 12, 13, 14 and 24. Those portions of
92 Section 15 lying East of a line running North and
93 South from the center of the Lake Juniper Dam and
94 lying outside of the present city limits of DeFuniak
95 Springs. The portion of Section 22 lying East of a
96 line running North and South from the center of the
97 Lake Juniper Dam and lying outside of the present city
98 limits of DeFuniak Springs. Those portions of section
99 23, 24, 25, and 36 lying North and or East of the
100 present city limits of DeFuniak Springs.

101 Those portions within Township 4 North, Range 18 West
102 which include, those portions of Section 31, lying
103 South of the centerline of Coy Ellis Road. Those parts
104 of Sections 32 and 33 lying South of the centerline of
105 County Road 183 North. The portion of Section 33 lying
106 East of County Road 183A.

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107 The portion within Township 4 North, Range 19 West
108 which includes, that part of Section 36 lying South
109 and East of County Road 1883 and Coy Ellis Road.

110 (2) The purpose of this act is to promote the general
111 health, welfare, and safety of the citizens and residents of
112 Walton County who reside within the geographical limits of the
113 Argyle Fire District by providing for the financial support of
114 the Argyle Fire District of Walton County, a not-for-profit
115 corporation, which currently provides the district with fire
116 protection services, facilities, and firefighting equipment; the
117 establishment and maintenance of fire stations and fire
118 substations; the acquisition and maintenance of all firefighting
119 and protection equipment necessary for the prevention of fires
120 or fighting of fires; the employment and training of such
121 personnel as may be necessary to accomplish fire prevention and
122 firefighting; the establishment and maintenance of emergency
123 services; the acquisition and maintenance of rescue and other
124 emergency equipment; and the employment and training of
125 necessary emergency personnel. The district may provide
126 emergency medical services. The district shall have all other
127 powers necessary to carry out these purposes.

128 (3) Nothing herein shall prevent the district from
129 cooperating with the state or other local governments to render
130 such services to communities adjacent to the land described in
131 this section as evidenced by a signed aid agreement.

132 (4) The district charter may be amended only by special
133 act of the Legislature.

134 Section 3. Board of commissioners.--

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135 (1) Pursuant to chapter 191, Florida Statutes, the
136 business and affairs of the district shall be governed and
137 administered by a board of five commissioners, who shall be
138 qualified electors residing within the district and shall be
139 elected by the qualified electors residing within the district
140 at a general election, subject to the provisions of chapters 189
141 and 191, Florida Statutes, and this act. Each commissioner shall
142 hold office until his or her successor is elected and qualified
143 under the provisions of this act. The procedures for conducting
144 district elections and for qualification of candidates and
145 electors shall be pursuant to chapters 189 and 191, Florida
146 Statutes.

147 (2) The five members of the initial board shall be elected
148 by the qualified electors residing within the district. The
149 three elected members for seats 1, 3, and 5 in the initial
150 election under this act shall serve terms of 4 years each. The
151 remaining two selected members for seats 2 and 4 in the initial
152 election under this act shall serve terms of 2 years each.
153 Subsequent elections under this act shall coincide with the
154 general elections of this state. The members of the board shall
155 serve on a nonpartisan basis for a term of 4 years each.

156 (3) Vacancies in office shall be filled by special
157 election, said election to be held coincidental with the next
158 countywide general or special election. The board may appoint a
159 qualified elector of the district to act as commissioner until
160 the vacancy is filled by election. A commissioner must be a
161 qualified elector residing within the district. A commissioner

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162 may be removed from office for any reason that a state or county
 163 officer may be removed.

164 (4) All elections shall be noticed, called, and held
 165 pursuant to the provisions of the general laws of the state,
 166 except as otherwise provided herein. The board shall, to the
 167 extent possible, coordinate all elections with countywide
 168 general or special elections in order to minimize costs.
 169 Elections shall be called through the adoption of an appropriate
 170 resolution of the district directed to the Board of County
 171 Commissioners of Walton County, the Supervisor of Elections of
 172 Walton County, and other appropriate officers of the county. The
 173 district shall reimburse county government for the actual cost
 174 of district elections. No commissioner shall be a paid employee
 175 of the district while holding said position. This shall not
 176 prevent volunteers from receiving reimbursement for expenses
 177 from serving as commissioners.

178 (5) The board may employ such personnel as deemed
 179 necessary for the proper function and operation of a fire
 180 district. The salaries of fire department and emergency service
 181 personnel and any other wages shall be determined by the board.

182 Section 4. Officers; board compensation; bond.--

183 (1) In accordance with chapter 191, Florida Statutes, each
 184 elected member of the board shall assume office 10 days
 185 following the member's election. Annually, within 60 days after
 186 election of new members of said board, the members shall
 187 organize by electing from their number a chair, vice chair,
 188 secretary, and treasurer. However, the same member may be both

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189 secretary and treasurer, in accordance with chapter 191, Florida
190 Statutes.

191 (2) The commissioners may receive reimbursement for actual
192 expenses incurred while performing the duties of their offices
193 in accordance with general law governing per diem for public
194 officials. Commissioners may receive compensation for their
195 services in accordance with chapter 191, Florida Statutes.

196 (3) Each commissioner, upon taking office and in
197 accordance with chapters 189 and 191, Florida Statutes, shall
198 execute to the Governor, for the benefit of the district, a bond
199 of \$5,000 with a qualified personal or corporate surety,
200 conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of the
201 commissioner's office and upon an accounting for all funds which
202 come into his or her hands as commissioner; however, the
203 treasurer shall furnish a bond of \$10,000, which may be in lieu
204 of the \$5,000 bond. The premium of such bonds shall be paid from
205 district funds.

206 Section 5. Powers; duties; responsibilities.--

207 (1) The district shall have and the board may exercise by
208 majority vote all the powers and duties set forth in this act
209 and chapters 189, 191, and 197, Florida Statutes, including, but
210 not limited to, powers related to special assessments, other
211 revenue-raising capabilities, budget preparation and approval,
212 liens and foreclosure of liens, use of tax deeds and tax
213 certificates as appropriate from non-ad valorem assessments,
214 contractual agreements, and adoption of ordinances and
215 resolutions that are necessary to conduct district business if
216 such ordinances do not conflict with any ordinance of a local

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217 general purpose government within whose jurisdiction the
218 district is located.

219 (2) The board shall continue to have the right, power, and
220 authority to levy annually special assessment against the
221 taxable property within the district to provide funds for the
222 purposes of the district, in an amount not to exceed the limit
223 provided in chapter 191, Florida Statutes.

224 (3) The methods for assessing and collecting special
225 assessments, fees, or service charges shall be as set forth in
226 this act and chapters 170, 189, 191, and 197, Florida Statutes.

227 (4) The district shall impose and collect special
228 assessments in accordance with chapter 200, Florida Statutes.

229 (5) The district is authorized to impose and enforce
230 special assessments in accordance with chapters 170, 189, 191,
231 and 197, Florida Statutes.

232 (6) The district's planning requirements shall be as set
233 forth in this act and chapters 189 and 191, Florida Statutes.

234 (7) Requirements for financial disclosure, meeting
235 notices, reporting, public records maintenance, and per diem
236 expenses for officers and employees shall be as set forth in
237 this act and chapters 112, 119, 189, 191, and 286, Florida
238 Statutes.

239 Section 6. Impact fees.--

240 (1) Pursuant to section 191.009(4), Florida Statutes, it
241 is hereby declared that the cost of new facilities borne by fire
242 protection and emergency services should be borne by new users
243 of the district's services to the extent new construction
244 requires new facilities, but only to that extent. It is the

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245 legislative intent of this section to transfer to the new users
246 of the district's fire protection and emergency services a fair
247 share of the costs that new users impose on the district for new
248 facilities. This shall only apply in the event that the general-
249 purpose local government in which the district is located has
250 not adopted an impact fee for fire services which is distributed
251 to the district for construction within its jurisdictional
252 boundaries.

253 (2) The impact fees collected by the district pursuant to
254 this section shall be kept as a separate fund from other
255 revenues of the district and shall be used exclusively for the
256 acquisition, purchase, or construction of new facilities or
257 portions thereof required to provide fire protection and
258 emergency services to new construction. "New facilities" means
259 land, buildings, and capital equipment, including, but not
260 limited to, fire and emergency vehicles and radio telemetry
261 equipment. The fees shall not be used for the acquisition,
262 purchase, or construction of facilities which must be obtained
263 in any event, regardless of growth within the district. The
264 board of fire commissioners shall maintain adequate records to
265 ensure that impact fees are expended only for permissible new
266 facilities.

267 Section 7. Special assessments.--

268 (1) The board shall have the right, power, and authority
269 to impose special assessments against the real property that is
270 not otherwise exempt or immune within the district to provide
271 funds for the purpose of the district.

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272 (2) (a) For each residential dwelling or mobile home
 273 situated on any parcel of land within said district, the charge
 274 shall be \$25 annually. It is expressly understood that mobile
 275 home parks or multiunit dwellings are not included in this
 276 category and shall be included in paragraph (b).

277 (b) For each mobile home park, apartment building, motel,
 278 hotel, condominium, townhouse, or other multifamily residence,
 279 the charge shall not exceed:

- 280 1. 2 to 4 units or lots, \$25 each annually.
- 281 2. 5 to 10 units or lots, \$20 each annually.
- 282 3. 11 to 25 units or lots, \$18 each annually.
- 283 4. Over 25 units or lots, \$15 each annually.

284 (c) For each commercial establishment or business, the
 285 charge shall not exceed the following rates:

- 286 1. Up to 5,000 square feet of floor space: \$50 annually.
- 287 2. Over 5,000 square feet of floor space: \$100 annually.

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 289 The existence of a commercial establishment or business shall be
 290 evidenced by the presence of advertising signs, by tax roll
 291 classification, or by custom. Business enterprises wholly
 292 contained within a residential unit shall not be included in
 293 this category and shall be included under paragraph (a).

294 Multifamily residential units and mobile home parks shall be
 295 included under paragraph (b).

296 (d) No assessment shall be levied for any parcel of
 297 agricultural, timber, unimproved residential, or other
 298 unimproved property. Adjoining parcels owned by an individual
 299 taxpayer will be treated as one parcel for assessment purposes,

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300 even though they may be shown as separate items on the county
301 tax roll.

302 (e) No assessment shall be levied against churches,
303 schools, governmental property, or property owned by other
304 nonprofit charitable organizations.

305 (f) Any increase in the special assessment must be
306 approved by a majority of the electors within the Argyle Fire
307 District.

308 (3) It is the legislative intent that this act shall
309 authorize the Walton County Property Appraiser and the Walton
310 County Tax Collector to take all appropriate action to comply
311 with the intent of the purpose of this act.

312 (4) It is also the legislative intent that the board of
313 commissioners shall be a vehicle to provide funding to
314 accomplish the purpose set out in this act.

315 Section 8. Property appraiser.--

316 (1) The Walton County Property Appraiser shall furnish the
317 commissioners a tax roll covering all taxable properties within
318 the district on or before July 1 of each year.

319 (2) The Walton County Property Appraiser shall include in
320 the Walton County tax roll the assessments made by the board,
321 and the same shall be collected in the manner as provided for by
322 this act and paid over by the Walton County Tax Collector to the
323 board.

324 (3) The Walton County Property Appraiser shall be
325 reimbursed for assessing such special assessments in the manner
326 and amount authorized by general law, and the Walton County Tax

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327 Collector shall receive a commission or fee of 1 percent for
328 collection of such special assessments.

329 Section 9. Special assessment as a lien.--The special
330 assessment levied and assessed by the district shall be a lien
331 upon the property so assessed along with the county taxes
332 assessed against such property until said assessment and taxes
333 have been paid, and if the special assessment levied by the
334 district becomes delinquent, such special assessment shall be
335 considered a part of the county tax subject to the same
336 penalties, charges, fees, and remedies for enforcement and
337 collection of such taxes.

338 Section 10. Deposit of special assessments; fees;
339 authority to disburse funds.--

340 (1) The proceeds of the assessments and funds of the
341 district shall be deposited in qualified public depositories in
342 accordance with chapters 191 and 280, Florida Statutes, in the
343 name of the district in a bank authorized to receive deposits of
344 district funds. The bank shall be designated by a resolution of
345 the board.

346 (2) All warrants for the payment of labor, equipment, and
347 other expenses of the board, and in carrying into effect this
348 act and the purpose thereof, shall be payable by the treasurer
349 of the board on accounts and vouchers approved and authorized by
350 two board members. No funds of the district shall be paid out or
351 disbursed except by check signed by two board members.

352 Section 11. Authority to borrow money.--

353 (1) The board of commissioners shall have the power and
354 authority to borrow money or issue other evidences of

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355 indebtedness for the purpose of the district in accordance with
356 chapters 189 and 191, Florida Statutes, provided, however, that
357 the total payments in any one year, including principal and
358 interest, on any indebtedness incurred by the district shall not
359 exceed 50 percent of the total estimated annual budgeted
360 revenues of the district.

361 (2) The board of commissioners, board of directors as a
362 body, or any of the members of either board as individuals shall
363 not be personally or individually liable for the repayment of
364 such loan. Such repayment shall be made out of the special
365 assessment receipts of the district, except as provided in this
366 subsection. The commissioners shall not create any indebtedness
367 or incur obligations for any sum or amount which they are unable
368 to repay out of district funds available to them at that time,
369 except as otherwise provided in this act, provided, however,
370 that the commissioners may make purchases of equipment on an
371 installment basis as necessary if funds are available for the
372 payment of the current year's installment on such equipment plus
373 the amount due in that year of any of the installments and the
374 repayment of any bank loan or other existing indebtedness which
375 may be due that year.

376 Section 12. Use of district funds.--No funds of the
377 district shall be used for any purposes other than the
378 administration of the affairs and business of the district; the
379 construction, care, maintenance, upkeep, operation, and purchase
380 of firefighting and rescue equipment or fire station; the
381 payment of public utilities; and the payment of salaries of
382 district personnel as the board may from time to time determine

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383 to be necessary for the operations and effectiveness of the
384 district.

385 Section 13. Record of board meetings; authority to adopt
386 rules and regulations; annual reports; budget.--

387 (1) A record shall be kept of all meetings of the board,
388 and in such meetings concurrence of a majority of the
389 commissioners present shall be necessary to any affirmative
390 action by the board.

391 (2) The board shall have the authority to adopt and amend
392 rules and regulations for the administration of the affairs of
393 the district under the terms of this act and chapters 189 and
394 191, Florida Statutes, which shall include, but not be limited
395 to, the authority to adopt the necessary rules and regulations
396 for the administration and supervision of the property and
397 personnel of the district; for the prevention of fires, fire
398 control, fire hydrant placement, and flow testing in accordance
399 with current NFPA rules; and for rescue work within the
400 district. Said commissioners shall have all the lawful power and
401 the authority necessary to carry out the purposes of said fire
402 district; to purchase all necessary real and personal property;
403 to purchase and carry standard insurance policies on all such
404 equipment; to employ such personnel as may be necessary to carry
405 out the purpose of said fire district; to provide adequate
406 insurance for said employees; to purchase and carry appropriate
407 insurance for the protection of all firefighters and personnel
408 as well as all equipment and personal property on loan to the
409 district; to sell surplus real and personal property in the same
410 manner and subject to the same restrictions as provided for such

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411 sales by counties; to enter into contracts with qualified
412 service providers, the Argyle Fire District of Walton County,
413 other fire departments, municipalities, and state and federal
414 governmental units for the purpose of obtaining financial aid;
415 and for otherwise carrying out the purposes of the district. The
416 commissioners shall adopt a fiscal year for said fire district,
417 which shall be October 1 to September 30.

418 (3) Any policies, rules, and regulations promulgated and
419 made by the board shall have the force and effect of law after
420 copies thereof, signed by the secretary and chair or vice chair,
421 shall have been posted in three public places within the
422 district in conspicuous locations and advertised by title once a
423 week for 2 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general paid
424 circulation in the district.

425 (4) The board shall, on or before November 1, make an
426 annual report of its actions and accounting of its funds as of
427 September of that year, and shall file said report in the office
428 of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Walton County, whose duty
429 it shall be to receive and file said report and hold and keep
430 the same as a public record.

431 (5) For the purposes of carrying into effect this act, the
432 board shall annually prepare, consider, and adopt a district
433 budget pursuant to the applicable requirements of chapters 189
434 and 191, Florida Statutes. The board shall, at the same time as
435 it makes its annual report, file its estimated budget for the
436 fiscal year beginning October 1, which budget shall show the
437 estimated revenue to be received by the district and the

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438 estimated expenditures to be incurred by the district in
439 carrying out its operations.

440 Section 14. Authority to enact fire prevention ordinances;
441 appoint or employ a fire chief; acquire land; enter contracts;
442 establish salaries; general and special powers; authority to
443 provide emergency medical and rescue services.--

444 (1) The board of commissioners shall have the right and
445 power to enact fire prevention ordinances in the same manner
446 provided for the adoption of policies and regulations in
447 subsection (2) of section 13, and when the provisions of such
448 fire prevention ordinances are determined by the board to be
449 violated, the office of the state attorney, upon written notice
450 of such violation issued by the board, is authorized to
451 prosecute such person or persons held to be in violation
452 thereof. Any person found guilty of a violation may be punished
453 as provided in chapter 775, Florida Statutes, as a misdemeanor
454 of the second degree. The cost of such prosecution shall be paid
455 out of the district funds, unless otherwise provided by law.

456 (2) The board shall have the power to appoint or employ a
457 fire chief, who shall be a person experienced in all types of
458 firefighting and fire prevention and who shall work with and
459 cooperate with the Fire Marshal in which the district is
460 situated in the prevention of fires of all types. The district
461 fire chief shall be authorized to enter, at all reasonable
462 hours, any building or premises for the purpose of making any
463 inspection or investigation which the State Fire Marshal is
464 authorized to make pursuant to state law and regulation. The
465 owner, lessee, manager, or operator of any building or premises

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466 shall permit the district fire chief to enter and inspect the
467 building or premises at all reasonable hours. The district fire
468 chief shall report any violations of state fire safety laws or
469 regulations to the appropriate officials.

470 (3) The board shall have the power to acquire, by gift or
471 purchase, lands or rights in lands, and any other property, real
472 and personal, tangible or intangible, necessary, desirable, or
473 convenient for carrying out the purposes of the district, and to
474 pay any and all costs of same out of the funds of the district,
475 provided that prior to the acquisition of the location of a fire
476 station site, an appropriate investigation shall be conducted
477 which shall include, but not be limited to, obtaining the staff
478 recommendation of the Walton County Planning Department.

479 (4) The board shall have the power to enter into contracts
480 or to otherwise join with the Argyle Fire District of Walton
481 County, or to otherwise join with any other district, city, or
482 town, the United States of America, or any agency or authority
483 thereunder, for the purpose of expanding services, providing
484 effective aid, and accomplishing and carrying out the purposes
485 for which the district was created and for the further purpose
486 of specifically obtaining financial aid, assistance, or subsidy.

487 (5) The salaries of fire department personnel and any
488 other wages shall be determined by the board.

489 (6) The district is authorized to establish and maintain
490 emergency medical and rescue response services and acquire and
491 maintain rescue, medical, and other emergency equipment, subject
492 to the provisions of chapter 401, Florida Statutes.

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493 Section 15. Annexations.--If any municipality or other
494 fire control district annexes any land included in the district,
495 such annexation shall follow the procedures set forth in section
496 171.093, Florida Statutes.

497 Section 16. Dissolution.--The district shall exist until
498 dissolved in the same manner as it was created. If the Argyle
499 Fire District of Walton County is dissolved or ceases to exist
500 for any reason, or if the board determines that the Argyle Fire
501 District of Walton County is unable to carry out its objectives
502 as stated or the objectives of the district as stated in
503 subsection (2) of section 2, or the district's published
504 policies, the board shall in its discretion make arrangements
505 for other means of providing fire protection and rescue
506 services.

507 Section 17. District expansion.--

508 (1) The district boundaries may be extended from time to
509 time as follows:

510 (a) Land contiguous to the boundaries of the district in
511 unincorporated Walton County may be included in the district
512 when a petition for inclusion signed and sworn to by a majority
513 of the owners of the real property within the tract or tracts to
514 be included in the district has been presented to the board of
515 commissioners and the proposal has been approved by the
516 affirmative vote of no fewer than three members of the board of
517 commissioners at a regular meeting.

518 (b) The petition must contain the legal description of the
519 property sought to be added to the district and the names and
520 addresses of the owners of the property.

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521 (2) If a proposal to add an area to the district as
522 defined in subsection (1) is approved by the affirmative vote of
523 no fewer than three members of the board of commissioners at a
524 regular meeting, the board of commissioners shall thereafter
525 adopt a resolution describing the lands to be included within
526 the district and shall cause such resolution to be duly enrolled
527 in the record of the meeting and a certified copy of the
528 resolution to be recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the
529 Circuit Court of Walton County.

530 (3) Upon adoption of the resolution by the board, the
531 district shall, pursuant to chapter 191, Florida Statutes,
532 request that its legislative delegation approve said addition
533 and sponsor legislation amending the district boundary. Upon
534 approval by the Legislature, the boundary shall be amended.

535 Section 18. Construction.--This act shall be construed as
536 remedial and shall be liberally construed to promote the purpose
537 for which it is intended.

538 Section 19. Effect.--In the event that any part of this
539 act should be held void for any reason, such holding shall not
540 affect any other part thereof.

541 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.