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Introduced by Sen. C. JOHNSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and
when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT to amend the town law, in relation to the requirement of fire
districts to hold public hearings before submitting their budgets to
the town

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 181 of the town
2 law, as amended by chapter 555 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read
3 as follows:
4 (a) The board of commissioners of each fire district OR FIRE COMPANY
5 shall hold a public hearing on the FIRST, SECOND OR third Tuesday, OR
6 WEDNESDAY OR FIRST OR THIRD MONDAY in October to discuss the contents of
7 the proposed budget. The hearing shall be conducted and scheduled in a
8 manner that maximizes participation. Notice of such public hearing shall
9 be published at least once in the official newspaper, or if no official
10 newspaper has been designated, in any newspaper having general circu-
11 lation in the district. At least five days shall elapse between the date
12 of the first publication of the notice and the date specified for the
13 hearing. The notice of hearing shall state the time when and the place
14 where the public hearing will be held, the purpose thereof and that a
15 copy of the proposed budget is available at the office of the town clerk
16 or clerks and fire district OR FIRE COMPANY secretary where it may be
17 inspected by any interested person during office hours. In the case of a
18 fire district OR A FIRE COMPANY that maintains an internet website, the
19 notice of hearing shall also state that the proposed budget is posted on
20 the fire district's OR FIRE COMPANY'S website. The town clerk or clerks
21 shall cause a copy of the notice to be posted on the signboard of the
22 town or towns, maintained pursuant to subdivision six of section thirty
23 of this chapter, not later than five days before the day designated for
24 such hearing. The notice shall also be posted on the municipal [and/or],

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 fire district AND/OR FIRE COMPANY website or websites, if one exists. At
2 such hearing, any person may be heard in favor of or against the
3 proposed budget as compiled, or for or against any item or items therein
4 contained.

5 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.