

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GRIFFIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the town law, in relation to the date of the public hearing to discuss the contents of the proposed budget of fire, fire alarm, and fire protection districts

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, 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 shall hold a
5 public hearing ~~[on]~~ during the third ~~[Tuesday-in]~~ week of October to
6 discuss the contents of the proposed budget. The hearing shall be
7 conducted and scheduled in a manner that maximizes participation. Notice
8 of such public hearing shall be published at least once in the official
9 newspaper, or if no official newspaper has been designated, in any news-
10 paper having general circulation in the district. At least five days
11 shall elapse between the date of the first publication of the notice and
12 the date specified for the hearing. The notice of hearing shall state
13 the date, time ~~[when]~~ and the place where the public hearing will be
14 held, the purpose thereof and that a copy of the proposed budget is
15 available at the office of the town clerk or clerks and fire district
16 secretary where it may be inspected by any interested person during
17 office hours. In the case of a fire district that maintains an internet
18 website, the notice of hearing shall also state that the proposed budget
19 is posted on the fire district's website. The town clerk or clerks shall
20 cause a copy of the notice to be posted on the signboard of the town or
21 towns, maintained pursuant to subdivision six of section thirty of this
22 chapter, not later than five days before the day designated for such
23 hearing. The notice shall also be posted on the municipal and/or fire
24 district website or websites, if one exists. At such hearing, any person

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

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1 may be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as compiled, or
2 for or against any item or items therein contained.
3 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.