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:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 181 of the town law, as amended by chapter 555 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board of commissioners of each fire district shall hold a public hearing [~~on~~] **during** the third [~~Tuesday in~~] **week of** October to discuss the contents of the proposed budget. The hearing shall be conducted and scheduled in a manner that maximizes participation. Notice of such public hearing shall be published at least once in the official newspaper, or if no official newspaper has been designated, in any newspaper having general circulation in the district. At least five days shall elapse between the date of the first publication of the notice and the date specified for the hearing. The notice of hearing shall state the **date,** time [~~when~~] and the place where the public hearing will be held, the purpose thereof and that a copy of the proposed budget is available at the office of the town clerk or clerks and fire district secretary where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours. In the case of a fire district that maintains an internet website, the notice of hearing shall also state that the proposed budget is posted on the fire district's website. The town clerk or clerks shall cause a copy of the notice to be posted on the signboard of the town or towns, maintained pursuant to subdivision six of section thirty of this chapter, not later than five days before the day designated for such hearing. The notice shall also be posted on the municipal and/or fire 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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may be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as compiled, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.