

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 5, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the Nassau county civil divisions act, in relation to the Volunteer and Exempt Firefighter's Benevolent Association of Bethpage, Nassau county, New York, Inc.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Sections 629.0, 629.1 and 629.6 of chapter 273 of the laws
2 of 1939, constituting the Nassau county civil divisions act, as added by
3 chapter 71 of the laws of 1940, are amended to read as follows:

4 § 629.0 Incorporation; membership. A membership corporation by the
5 name of "Volunteer and Exempt [~~Firemen's~~] Firefighter's Benevolent Asso-
6 ciation of Bethpage, Nassau county, New York, Inc." is hereby created.
7 It shall be composed of such persons eligible for membership therein as
8 hereinafter provided as shall (a) notify the secretary of the Bethpage
9 fire department in writing prior to the organization meeting of such
10 corporation hereinafter provided for of their desire to become members,
11 or

12 (b) shall attend such meeting or an adjournment thereof and signify
13 their intention of becoming members at such meeting, or

14 (c) shall notify the secretary of the corporation hereby created in
15 writing within sixty days after [~~his~~] such secretary's election of their
16 desire to become members thereof, and also such persons so eligible as
17 may become members of such corporation pursuant to its by-laws.

18 § 629.1 Persons eligible to membership. All persons who are now, or
19 who have been, or who hereafter shall be active volunteer members of the
20 Bethpage fire department, and who have heretofore acquired or shall
21 hereafter acquire the status of exempt volunteer [~~firemen~~] firefighters
22 as defined in section two hundred of the general municipal law or any
23 other applicable law by virtue of having rendered service in the Beth-
24 page fire department, and all persons who are now active volunteer
25 members of the Bethpage fire department shall be eligible for membership
26 in the corporation created by this act, except that any [~~fireman~~] fire-
27 fighter who has been removed for cause, expelled or dropped from the

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

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1 rolls of any fire company or department, and who has not been reinstated
2 therein, shall not be eligible for membership in such corporation. The
3 membership of any person in such corporation shall terminate upon the
4 withdrawal of such person as an active volunteer member of the Bethpage
5 fire department prior to the actual performance by such person of five
6 years service as an active volunteer member of the Bethpage fire depart-
7 ment.

8 § 629.6 Precept for payment of foreign fire insurance premium taxes.
9 Such corporation shall collect and there shall be paid to it all tax
10 imposed by section [~~five hundred and fifty-three~~] 9104 of the insurance
11 law, for fire department use and benefit, upon premiums for insurance
12 against loss or damage by fire covering property situated within the
13 Bethpage fire district of the town of Oyster Bay, Nassau county, New
14 York, and within any duly organized territory in which the Bethpage fire
15 department may be obligated to render fire protection. The officer of
16 said corporation designated by its by-laws to collect and receive the
17 aforesaid tax shall have the same powers as provided by law for the
18 treasurer of a fire department with respect to such collection and
19 receipt. Such corporation shall also be entitled to receive a share of
20 the tax imposed by section [~~five hundred and fifty-four~~] 9104 of the
21 insurance law, based upon the business written in the territory with
22 respect to which it is entitled to collect and receive the tax under
23 section [~~five hundred and fifty-three~~] 9104 of the insurance law. Such
24 taxes shall only be used [~~for the care and relief of disabled or indi-~~
25 ~~gent volunteer and exempt firemen and their families~~] by the corporation
26 in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in section 629.2 of this
27 article.

28 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.