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sSB-448

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF HARTFORD COUNTY.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Various Municipalities	Savings	See Below	See Below
Various Municipalities	Potential Cost/Savings	See Below	See Below
Various Municipalities	Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Explanation

Section 1 requires the chairman and vice chairman of the Metropolitan District's (MDC) various boards and bureaus to be a member of such bodies, which does not result in a fiscal impact.

Section 2 allows MDC's board of commissioners to publish summaries of certain ordinances instead of the ordinances in their entirety. This results in a savings beginning in FY 27 to the MDC to the extent that less advertising space is required to publish notice of certain ordinances or revisions to ordinances.

Section 3 makes a technical change and has no fiscal impact.

Section 4 results in a potential revenue gain beginning in FY 27 to the

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General Fund by increasing the fine for violations of district ordinances from \$50 to \$250. Any revenue gain will be dependent on the number of fines collected by the district.

The section also changes the court with jurisdiction over these ordinances to the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford. The court system disposes of over 250,000 cases annually and the number of cases is not anticipated to be great enough to need additional resources.

Section 5 changes residency requirements for the district's legal counsel and does not result in a fiscal impact.

Section 6 results in a savings beginning in FY 27 for the MDC related to decreased publishing costs, to the extent that requests for bids and proposals for public works projects necessitating an expenditure of between \$25,000 and \$50,000 are no longer required to be advertised in newspapers.

Section 7 creates a penalty for member municipalities of the MDC that do not submit annual financial statements to the district to determine each municipality's share of wastewater operation costs. Currently, member municipalities submit audited financial statements to calculate each town's share of the sewer charge based on each town's total revenue. The bill provides that municipalities that fail to submit an updated annual statement will see the total revenue from their most recently submitted report increased by 10%. This will increase such a municipality's share of the sewer charge and results in a potential cost beginning in FY 27 for MDC member municipalities that do not submit these annual statements, and a corresponding potential savings beginning in FY 27 to municipalities that did submit annual statements.

Section 8 results in a potential revenue gain beginning in FY 27 to the General Fund by increasing the fine for violations of ordinances related to the district's waterworks from \$30 to \$250. Any revenue gain will be dependent on the number of fines collected by the district.

The section also changes the court with jurisdiction over these

ordinances to the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford. The court system disposes of over 250,000 cases annually and the number of cases is not anticipated to be great enough to need additional resources.

Section 9 extends the permissible term of liens related to sewer connection charges from fifteen years to twenty years. This results in a potential revenue gain to the MDC to the extent that more interest is collected on such liens in the out years.

Section 10 extends the time period in which the MDC can file assessment caveats on the land records from thirty days to ninety days, which does not result in a fiscal impact.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of violations, liens filed, and inflation.