



**Am. H.B. 204**

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(As Reported by H. Local Government & Townships)

**Reps. Schuler, Winkler, Taylor, Van Vyven, Evans, Vesper, Olman, James, Terwilleger, Clancy, Roman**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Permits the municipal corporations and townships that comprise a joint fire district to pay the district's charges for ambulance or emergency medical services provided to their respective residents under certain circumstances.
- Permits two or more municipal corporations to form a joint fire district.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

**Existing law**

Current law provides for municipal corporations and townships, or two or more townships, to combine to form a joint fire district by adopting a joint resolution creating the district. The board of a joint fire district may establish reasonable charges for the use of ambulance or emergency medical services, and those charges may differ for residents and nonresidents of the district. In addition, the board of a joint fire district may waive, at its discretion, all or part of the charge for any resident of the district.<sup>1</sup> (Sec. 505.371.)

**Changes proposed by the bill**

The bill permits two or more municipal corporations to form a joint fire district, in addition to the combinations of political subdivisions permitted under existing law. Then, the bill provides that, in the resolution creating a joint fire district, the political subdivisions that create the district may provide that any of those political subdivisions may agree to pay any charges for the use of ambulance

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<sup>1</sup> The board is referred to in statute as the board of fire district trustees, and the "charges" provisions will be located in division (C)(1) of section 505.371 under the bill.

or emergency medical services that the board of fire district trustees establishes and that are incurred by the residents of the particular political subdivision. Unless the board elects to waive those charges (in whole or in part), the residents of any political subdivision that has not agreed to pay those charges must pay their own charges. (Sec. 505.371(A) and (C)(2).) Any joint fire district already in existence when the bill goes into effect may amend its joint resolution to permit any of the political subdivisions involved to agree to pay those charges for their residents (Section 3 of the bill).

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## HISTORY

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