

HB 176 -- Fire Protection Districts

Sponsor: Roorda

This bill allows fire protection districts in Jefferson County that serve areas annexed by municipalities with fire departments to continue to serve the annexed areas. The annexed areas receiving the fire protection service will not be subject to taxation by the fire protection districts except for prior bonded indebtedness. Residents of the annexed areas can vote in fire protection district elections and serve on the boards of directors. The annexing municipalities must annually pay the fire protection districts an amount equal to what the districts would have levied on the annexed areas.

The bill contains an emergency clause.