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HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - HSC

DIVISION 8. CEMETERIES [8100 - 9703] (*Division 8 enacted by Stats. 1939, Ch. 60.*)

PART 4. PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICTS [9000 - 9093] (*Part 4 repealed and added by Stats. 2003, Ch. 57, Sec. 5.*)

CHAPTER 8. Zones [9090 - 9093] (*Chapter 8 added by Stats. 2003, Ch. 57, Sec. 5.*)

9090. (a) Whenever a board of trustees determines that it is in the public interest to provide different services, to provide different levels of services, or to raise additional revenues within specific areas of the district, it may form one or more zones pursuant to this chapter.

(b) The board of trustees shall initiate proceedings for the formation of a new zone by adopting a resolution that does all of the following:

- (1) States that the proposal is made pursuant to this chapter.
- (2) Sets forth a description of the boundaries of the territory to be included in the zone.
- (3) States the different services, the different levels of services, or the additional revenues that the district will provide.
- (4) Sets forth the methods by which those services or level of service will be financed.
- (5) States the reasons for forming the zone.
- (6) Proposes a name or number for the zone.

(c) A proposal to form a new zone may also be initiated by a petition signed by not less than 10 percent of the registered voters residing within the proposed zone. The petition shall contain all of the matters required by subdivision (b).

(d) Upon the adoption of a resolution or the receipt of a valid petition, the board of trustees shall fix the date, time, and place for the public hearing on the formation of the zone. The district shall publish notice of the hearing, including the information required by subdivision (b), pursuant to Section 6061 of the Government Code in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the district. The district shall mail the notice at least 45 days before the date of the hearing to all owners of property within the proposed zone. The district shall post the notice in at least three public places within the territory of the proposed zone.

(*Added by Stats. 2003, Ch. 57, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 2004.*)

9091. (a) At the hearing, the board of trustees shall hear and consider any protests to the formation of a zone pursuant to this chapter. The board of trustees shall terminate the proceedings, if at the conclusion of the hearing, it determines either of the following:

- (1) More than 50 percent of the total number of voters residing within the proposed zone have filed and not withdrawn written objections to the formation.
- (2) Property owners who own more than 50 percent of the assessed value of all taxable property within the proposed zone have filed written and not withdrawn objections to the formation.

(b) If the board of trustees determines that the written objections have been filed and not withdrawn by 50 percent or less of those voters or property owners, then the board of trustees may proceed to form the zone.

(c) If the resolution or petition for formation of a zone proposes that the zone use special taxes, special benefit assessments, fees for property-related services, or general obligation bonds to finance its purposes, the board of trustees shall proceed according to law. If the voters or property owners do not approve those funding methods, the zone shall not be formed.

(Added by Stats. 2003, Ch. 57, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 2004.)

9092. (a) A board of trustees may change the boundaries of a zone or dissolve a zone by following the procedures in Sections 9090 and 9091.

(b) Except as provided in Section 56886 of the Government Code, a local agency formation commission shall have no power or duty to review and approve or disapprove a proposal to form a zone, a proposal to change the boundaries of a zone, or a proposal to dissolve a zone.

(Added by Stats. 2003, Ch. 57, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 2004.)

9093. (a) As determined by the board of trustees and pursuant to the requirements of this part, a zone may provide any service at any level or levels within its boundaries that the district may provide.

(b) As determined by the board of trustees and pursuant to the requirements of this part, a zone may exercise any fiscal powers within its boundaries that the district may exercise.

(c) Any special taxes, special benefit assessments, fees, or general obligation bonds which are intended solely for the support of projects, services, or programs within a zone shall be levied, assessed, and charged within the boundaries of that zone.

(Added by Stats. 2003, Ch. 57, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 2004.)