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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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A N A C T

RELATING TO AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
AND ESTABLISHING THE CLEAR RIVER ELECTRIC AND WATER DISTRICT

Introduced By: Representatives Place, and Newberry

Date Introduced: April 05, 2024

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 637 of the Public Laws of 1910 entitled "An Act to Incorporate the
2 Harrisville Fire District" as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

3 The Charter of the Harrisville Fire District

4 Section (a) Establishment.

5 A. Incorporation. Within the boundaries described below, there is hereby established a
6 district incorporated as a quasi-municipal corporation under the name of the Harrisville Fire District
7 ("District").

8 B. Purposes. The district is incorporated for the purposes of providing fire suppression, and
9 emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services, and furnishing and distributing water, light,
10 and power for the limited purpose of powering and maintaining streetlights, throughout the district
11 and beyond the same both within and without the district and the town of Burrillville as provided
12 herein, and for such other purposes as may be deemed necessary, appropriate, or incidental to the
13 foregoing.

14 C. Powers. The district may have a common seal, sue and be sued, and enjoy the other
15 powers generally incident to the quasi-municipal corporation, including the following:

16 1. To provide fire suppression, emergency medical, rescue and ambulance services within
17 or without the territorial limits of the district or the town of Burrillville.

18 2. To ~~procure, distribute, and sell water within or without the territorial limits of the district~~

1 H. Continuation of district. Any act, resolution, contract, employment, and/or any other
2 obligation, matter, or thing undertaken by the district in accordance with its charter as originally
3 granted, and as the same has been amended from time to time, shall be deemed to be continued and
4 in full force and effect under the terms of the charter as amended and granted herein.

5 I. Amendment. This charter may be amended by a majority of electors present and voting
6 at any annual or special meeting of the district, provided noticed thereof states that amendment to
7 the charter shall be considered at such meeting. An amendment to the charter shall be effective only
8 upon passage of an act by the general assembly amending the charter in conformity with such prior
9 vote of the district.

10 SECTION 2. Title 45 of the General Laws entitled "TOWNS AND CITIES" is hereby
11 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

12 CHAPTER 39.2

13 CLEAR RIVER ELECTRIC AND WATER DISTRICT

14 45-39.2-1. Short title.

15 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Clear River Electric and Water District
16 Act of 2024."

17 45-39.2-2. Definitions.

18 Terms used in this chapter shall be construed as follows, unless another meaning is
19 expressed or is clearly apparent from the language or context:

20 (1) "Electric and water district" means the Clear River electric and water district, a quasi-
21 municipal corporation, district, and political subdivision of the state established and empowered by
22 this chapter to:

23 (i) Succeed to and fulfill the electric and water utility functions, powers, rights, property
24 and obligations heretofore held and fulfilled by the Pascoag utility district and Harrisville fire
25 district water department as defined above and not to include the fire protection, suppression and
26 prevention functions or the emergency medical, rescue, and ambulance services of the Harrisville
27 fire district.

28 (ii) Exercise certain additional powers as a water supplier, an electric distribution company,
29 and as a nonregulated power producer; and

30 (iii) To provide additional utility services not inconsistent with the duties, powers and
31 obligations of the electric and water district as defined in this section.

32 (2) "Fire district" means the Harrisville fire district created by the act passed as chapter
33 637 of the Public Laws of 1910, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Harrisville fire district" as
34 thereafter amended and supplemented from time to time.

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CORRECTED BY H. LAW REVISION
JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
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Gregg M. Amore, *Secretary of State*

I, GREGG M. AMORE, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island,
hereby certify that this document, duly executed in accordance with the provisions
of Title 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, has been filed in this

office on this day:

June 12, 2024 11:00 AM

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gregg M. Amore". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State

