

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB 164</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Research Analysis**

SB 164 allows a board of directors for a fire protection district to increase its size to 7 or 9 members in order to ensure geographic and population representation. The measure also allows increasing the size of a board of directors by petition. Members' terms would be staggered so that no more than two members' terms expire in a year.

The bill requires a fire protection district with more than two full-time firefighters to have a full-time fire chief to supervise and administer the district.

The measure allows annexation of territory adjacent to the existing district but in another county upon decision of the board of directors, certified to both counties' boards of county commissioners, with written consent of 25% of property owners. A landowner with property in the response area of the district but not within the district itself could opt into the district by paying the assessment, and would then become a member with full voting rights.

Finally, if a municipality wishes to annex a portion or all of a fire protection district, the delivery of fire protection services must meet or exceed levels and standards as provided by the fire protection district, and requires a majority vote of fire protection district members.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure relates to the board of directors of fire protection districts, board membership, requirements for a fire chief under certain circumstances and the inclusion of adjacent territory. While costs may be associated with the employment of fire chiefs, any such potential costs are dependent on decisions made by a district board.

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**Other Considerations**

None.