

**No. 98. An act relating to the annual town meeting of the unified towns and gores of Essex County.**

(S.291)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 1351b is amended to read:

§ 1351b. FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

(a) The Board of Governors shall hire, direct, or fire one or more supervisors for the gores who shall reside in Essex County, and who shall not be a current member of the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall oversee the ~~supervisor~~ Supervisor or supervisors in the execution of the Supervisor's functions and duties.

(b) The Board of Governors shall appoint the appraisers. Each of the appraisers shall be a resident of ~~the gores~~ Essex County.

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Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 4981 is amended to read:

§ 4981. ASSESSMENT OF TAX

(a) A tax determined pursuant to this section is hereby annually assessed upon the grand list of the unified towns and gores in Essex County.

(b) Annually, the Board of Governors of the unified towns and gores in Essex County shall prepare a proposed municipal services budget and establish a proposed tax rate for the unified towns and gores in Essex County for the ensuing year. Annually, on the second Saturday in ~~August~~ September, the

Board of Governors shall call a meeting of the residents and property owners of the unified towns and gores in Essex County for the purpose of presenting the proposed budget and tax rate based upon the current grand list.

(c) Notice of the meeting and a copy of the proposed budget shall be sent by first class mail to all residents and property owners of the unified towns and gores at their last known address at least 30 days before the meeting. The meeting shall be held in Essex County. The notice shall include the itemized proposed budget and the proposed tax rate.

(d) Annually, on or before September 30, the Board of Governors shall adopt a budget and tax rate, and notify the residents and property owners of the unified towns and gores, the Supervisor, and the appraisers.

Sec. 3. 32 V.S.A. § 4984 is amended to read:

§ 4984. COUNTY TAX TRANSMITTED TO SUPERVISOR

When a county tax is assessed in Essex County, the County Treasurer shall transmit to the Supervisor for the unified towns and gores within Essex County a certified statement of the amount of such tax based on the grand list of such unified towns and gores as shown by the list filed annually under the provisions of section ~~4303~~ 4301 of this title. The Supervisor shall thereupon issue his or her warrant in favor of Essex County for the amount of such tax out of the funds received by him or her from the tax levied under the provisions of section 4981 of this title.

Sec. 4. REPEAL

32 V.S.A. § 1228 (appraisers for unified towns and gores of Essex County)  
is repealed.

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Date Governor signed bill: April 11, 2018