



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5510***

LCO No. 2980



Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING SEWER ASSESSMENT APPEALS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-250 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 (a) No assessment shall be made until after a public hearing before  
4 the water pollution control authority at which the owner of the property  
5 to be assessed shall have an opportunity to be heard concerning the  
6 proposed assessment. Notice of the time, place and purpose of such  
7 hearing shall be published at least ten days before the date thereof in a  
8 newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality, and a copy  
9 of such notice shall be mailed to the owner of any property to be affected  
10 thereby at such owner's address as shown in the last-completed grand  
11 list of the municipality or at any later address of which the water  
12 pollution control authority [may have] has knowledge. A copy of the  
13 proposed assessment shall be on file in the office of the clerk of the  
14 municipality and available for inspection by the public for at least ten  
15 days before the date of such hearing. When the water pollution control  
16 authority has determined the amount of the assessment to be levied, it

17 shall file a copy thereof in the office of the clerk of the municipality. Not  
18 later than five days after such filing, it shall cause a copy of such  
19 assessment to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation  
20 in the municipality, and it shall mail a copy of such assessment to the  
21 owner of any property to be affected thereby at such owner's address as  
22 shown in the last-completed grand list of the municipality or at any later  
23 address of which the water pollution control authority may have  
24 knowledge. Such publication and mailing shall state the date on which  
25 such assessment was filed and that any appeals from such assessment  
26 must be taken within twenty-one days after such filing. Except as  
27 provided in subsection (b) of this section, any person aggrieved by any  
28 assessment may appeal to the superior court for the judicial district  
29 wherein the property is located and shall bring any such appeal to a  
30 return day of said court not less than twelve nor more than thirty days  
31 after service thereof and such appeal shall be privileged in respect to its  
32 assignment for trial. Said court may appoint a state referee to appraise  
33 the benefits to such property and to make a report of his doings to the  
34 court. The judgment of said court, either confirming or altering such  
35 assessment, shall be final. No such appeal shall stay proceedings for the  
36 collection of the particular assessment upon which the appeal is  
37 predicated but the appellant shall be reimbursed for any overpayments  
38 made if, as a result of such appeal, his assessment is reduced.

39 (b) Any municipality may, by ordinance, authorize the board of  
40 assessment appeals established pursuant to section 9-199 to hear  
41 appeals of assessments made under this section. Any such appeal shall  
42 be taken not later than the date twenty-one days after the date on which  
43 the assessment was filed. The ordinance shall provide the process by  
44 which such appeal shall be filed, heard and decided. Any person  
45 aggrieved by a decision of the board of assessment appeals may appeal  
46 to the Superior Court not later than the date twenty-one days after the  
47 date of the decision of the board of assessment appeals in accordance  
48 with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	7-250

**Statement of Purpose:**

To make a technical change.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*