

# Public Safety and Security Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No:** HB-5450 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

**Title:** AN ACT DISSOLVING THE BROOKLYN FIRE DISTRICT.

**Vote Date:** 3/17/2026

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/12/2026

**File No.:**

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## SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security Committee

## REASONS FOR BILL:

The Public Safety and Security Committee introduced this proposal with the intent of dissolving the Brooklyn Fire District. Some argue that the tangible property and funds held by this department should be allocated to the town of Brooklyn for the benefit and improvement of the town. This bill would repeal Number 41 of the special acts of 1899, effectively October 1st, 2026.

## RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed.

## NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

**[Alexander, Matthew, President-Brooklyn Fire District:](#)** Mr. Anderson stated how his letter serves as formal notice of action taken by the Board of Directors of the Brooklyn Fire District. The directors voted in support of the dissolution of the Brooklyn Fire District and its consolidation into the Town of Brooklyn, and they also supported proceeding through the legislative special acts process.

**[Podzaline, Michael, Chairman-Town of Brooklyn Fire Commission:](#)** Mr. Podzaline stated how his letter serves as formal notice of action taken by the Town of Brooklyn Board of Fire Commissioners. The Board of Fire Commissioners voted in support of this legislation, which reflects the Commission's recognition that structural change is needed to ensure long-term operational stability, transparent accountability, and consistent emergency medical and fire services for Brooklyn residents. Mr. Podzaline stated that the commission supports proceeding through the legislative special act process.

[Bellavance, Joe, First Selectman-Town of Brooklyn](#): Mr. Bellavance stated how his letter serves as formal notice of action taken by the Town of Brooklyn Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen voted in support of this legislation, which reflects the Board of Selectmen's recognition that structural change is needed to ensure long-term operational stability, transparent accountability, and consistent emergency medical and fire services for Brooklyn residents. Mr. Bellavance stated that the commission supports proceeding through the legislative special act process.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed.

**Reported by:** Emma Rybacki, Clerk  
Emma Green, Assist. Clerk

**Date:** 3/26/26