

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **80th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1995**  
4 **By: Representative D. Wood**

# A Bill

**ACT 426 OF 1995**  
**HOUSE BILL 1151**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-284-101, 14-284-102, AND  
14-284-114 (b) (2) TO CLARIFY THE LAW CONCERNING FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

"AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAW CONCERNING  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated 14-284-101 is amended to read as follows:

"14-284-101. Definition.

(a) As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires, wherever the words majority in value are used, it shall be construed to mean a majority in assessed value as shown by the latest county assessment records for general taxes.

(b) As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, contractor means any person, firm, partnership, copartnership, association, corporation, or other organization, or any combination thereof, who, for a fixed price, commission, fee, or wage, attempts to or submits a bid to construct, or contracts or undertakes to construct, or assumes charge, in a supervisory capacity or otherwise, or manages the construction, erection, alteration or repair, or has or have constructed, erected, altered, or repaired, under his, their, or its direction, any fire station, building, or any other improvement or structure for the benefit or use of a district created under this chapter."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Annotated 14-284-102 is amended to read as

1 follows:

2 "14-284-102. Purpose of district.

3 The purpose of the district shall be the building, equipping, and  
4 operating of a fire station or stations equipped with a fire truck or fire  
5 trucks, fire hose, chemical fire extinguishers, and other equipment for  
6 extinguishing fires. The district may provide hazardous and toxic materials  
7 response, search and rescue, and such other functions as may be assigned to or  
8 reasonably expected of a local fire services agency."

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10 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Annotated 14-284-114 (b)(2) is amended to read  
11 as follows:

12 "(2) Copies of the report shall be made and furnished the chief of the  
13 fire department, who shall keep the reports at the fire station to be handed  
14 out on request by property holders of the district."

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16 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
17 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
18 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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20 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
21 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
22 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
23 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
24 act are declared to be severable.

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26 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
27 hereby repealed.

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29 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General  
30 Assembly that fire protection is essential to the safety of the public and  
31 that the existing law needs to be clarified to permit fire protection  
32 districts to provide adequate protection to the public. Therefore, an  
33 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the  
34 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full  
35 force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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