

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **79th General Assembly**  
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# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL**

4 **By: Representatives Maddox and Holland**

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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §§ 14-272-101 AND 14-272-  
9 102 TO PROVIDE FOR CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP OF THE RURAL FIRE  
10 DEPARTMENTS STUDY COMMISSION; TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE  
11 OF 1987, ANNOTATED TO ADD A NEW SECTION ARKANSAS CODE §  
12 14-272-104 TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMISSION TO SUBMIT A  
13 BIENNIAL REPORT ON RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS; AND FOR OTHER  
14 PURPOSES."

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## **Subtitle**

17 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP OF THE RURAL  
18 FIRE DEPARTMENTS STUDY COMMISSION AND REQUIRE A BIENNIAL  
19 REPORT ON RURAL FIRE SERVICES."

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

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-272-101 is hereby amended to read as  
24 follows:

25 "14-272-101. Creation.

26 (a) There is hereby created the Rural Fire Departments Study Commission  
27 to be composed of fifteen (15) members to be appointed in the manner and to  
28 represent various interests as follows:

29 (1) Three (3) members of the Insurance and Commerce Committee,  
30 one (1) to be a Senator and two (2) to be Representatives to be appointed by  
31 the cochairmen of the Insurance and Commerce Committee;

32 (2) Three (3) members of the City, County and Local Affairs  
33 Committee, one (1) to be a Senator and two (2) to be Representatives to be  
34 appointed by the cochairmen of the City, County and Local Affairs Committee;

35 (3) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives to be

1 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

2 (4) One (1) member of the Senate to be appointed by the President  
3 Pro Tempore of the Senate;

4 (5) One (1) member representing Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation  
5 to be recommended by the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation and appointed by the  
6 Speaker of the House;

7 (6) One (1) member representing the Independent Insurance Agents  
8 of Arkansas to be recommended by the Independent Insurance Agents of Arkansas  
9 and appointed by the Speaker of the House;

10 (7) One (1) member representing the County Judges Association to  
11 be recommended by the County Judges Association and appointed by the Speaker  
12 of the House;

13 (8) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Rural Firefighters  
14 Association to be recommended by the Arkansas Rural Firefighters Association  
15 and appointed by the Speaker of the House;

16 (9) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Council of  
17 Professional Firefighters to be recommended by the Arkansas Council of  
18 Professional Firefighters and appointed by the Speaker of the House;

19 (10) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Municipal League to  
20 be recommended by the Arkansas Municipal League and appointed by the Speaker  
21 of the House.

22 (b) The Speaker of the House shall select one (1) of the  
23 Representatives as cochairman, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
24 shall select one (1) of the Senators as cochairman.

25 (c) Members of the commission shall continue to serve on the  
26 commission, until he or she no longer wishes to serve or no longer qualifies  
27 to represent or is a member of the committee, body, or organization which he  
28 or she was appointed to represent. Any vacancy on the commission shall be  
29 filled by the original appointing authority with another qualifying member of  
30 the committee, body, or organization."

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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-272-102 is hereby amended to read as  
33 follows:

34 "14-272-102. Members - Compensation.

35 (a) Members of the commission, other than the legislative members,

1 shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses and travel  
2 in the maximum amounts prescribed by the Department of Finance and  
3 Administration for state employees.

4 (b) Legislative members of the commission shall be entitled to per diem  
5 and mileage at the same rate authorized by law for attendance at meetings of  
6 joint interim committees of the General Assembly. Legislative members of the  
7 commission may receive payment for per diem and mileage from appropriated  
8 funds for the joint interim committees which they represent, for the joint  
9 interim committees on which they serve, or from appropriated funds for travel  
10 and expenses for the house of the General Assembly in which they serve."

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12 SECTION 3. Subchapter 1 of Title 14, Chapter 272 of the Arkansas Code  
13 of 1987, Annotated, is hereby amended to add a new Section to read as follows:

14 "14-272-104. Biennial reports. The commission shall submit a biennial  
15 report and its recommendations for any proposed legislation to the Joint  
16 Interim Committee on Insurance and Commerce and the Joint Interim Committee on  
17 City, County and Local Affairs of the Arkansas General Assembly on or before  
18 September 1, of each even numbered year."

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20 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
21 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
22 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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24 SECTION 5. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to  
25 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect  
26 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
27 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
28 act are declared to be severable.

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

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