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1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Representative Tullis**

A BILL ACT 1038 OF 1991
HOUSE BILL 2102

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 14-20-108 TO PROVIDE
9 MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS WITH AN EXEMPTION
10 FROM THE DUES COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

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

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15 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-20-108 is hereby amended to read as
16 follows:

17 "14-20-108. Dues for volunteer fire departments.

18 (a) (1) The quorum court of each county may, upon request therefor filed
19 with the court by one (1) or more volunteer fire departments in the county,
20 adopt an ordinance authorizing a designated county official to collect and
21 remit to the department the annual or quarterly dues charged by the department
22 in consideration of providing fire protection to unincorporated areas in the
23 county.

24 (2) The ordinance enacted by the court shall set forth the terms
25 and conditions on which such dues are to be collected by the county and for
26 the remission of the dues to the volunteer fire departments.

27 (3) Provided, however, active members of the volunteer fire
28 departments whose annual or quarterly dues are collected in this manner *may*,
29 *at the discretion of the volunteer fire department*, be exempt from the annual
30 or quarterly dues charged by the department in consideration of providing
31 services to the department.

32 (b) The court may, by majority vote, designate the geographical area
33 that a volunteer fire department may serve and may then direct that the
34 property owners of the area pay dues to be established by the court, which
35 shall become a lien upon the property within the geographical area.

36 (c) The court may establish its own countywide fire department, either

