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1 State of Arkansas A BillACT 1038 OF 1991 2 78th General Assembly HOUSE BILL Regular Session, 1991 By: Representative Tullis 5 6 For An Act To Be Entitled 7 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 14-20-108 TO PROVIDE g MEMBERS OF VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS WITH AN EXEMPTION 9 FROM THE DUES COLLECTED BY THE COUNTY; AND FOR OTHER 10 11 PURPOSES." 12 13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 14 15 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-20-108 is hereby amended to read as 16 follows: "14-20-108. Dues for volunteer fire departments. 17 The quorum court of each county may, upon request therefor filed 18 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 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. The court may, by majority vote, designate the geographical area 32 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

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1 regular or voluntary."
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         SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature
 4 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
 5 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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         SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to
8 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
9 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
10 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
11 act are declared to be severable.
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         SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
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14 hereby repealed.
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