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

# A Bill

**ACT 744 OF 1995**  
**HOUSE BILL 1657**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 14-20-108 TO CLARIFY THAT  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS MAY EXTEND THEIR SERVICE AREAS  
ACROSS COUNTY LINES WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE COUNTY  
QUORUM COURTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

### Subtitle

"TO CLARIFY THAT VOLUNTEER FIRE  
DEPARTMENTS MAY EXTEND THEIR SERVICE  
AREAS ACROSS COUNTY LINES WITH THE  
AGREEMENT OF THE COUNTY QUORUM COURTS."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 (b) (1) The court may, by majority vote, designate the geographical area  
2 that a volunteer fire department may serve and may then direct that the  
3 property owners of the area pay dues to be established by the court, which  
4 shall become a lien upon the property within the geographical area.

5 (2) Upon request by a volunteer fire department, the quorum court  
6 of each county involved may authorize a volunteer fire department to serve a  
7 geographical area to extend across the county boundary lines.

8 (c) The court may establish its own countywide fire department, either  
9 regular or voluntary.

10 (d) *This section does not change the authority of intergovernmental*  
11 *cooperation councils to enter into reciprocal agreements or to distribute*  
12 *funds under Arkansas Code 14-284-401, et seq., and 26-57-614."*

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14 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
15 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
16 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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18 SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to  
19 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect  
20 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
21 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
22 act are declared to be severable.

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24 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
25 hereby repealed.

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*/s/Rep. Hudson*

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