

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 200 of 2003
HOUSE BILL 1009

5 By: Representative Scroggin
6 *By: Senator Faris*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 14-284-406 TO
11 ALLOW FIRE DEPARTMENTS OR FIRE PROTECTION
12 DISTRICTS THAT EXTEND INTO TWO (2) OR MORE
13 COUNTIES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDS FROM THE FIRE
14 PROTECTION PREMIUM TAX FUND; AND FOR OTHER
15 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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17 TO ALLOW FIRE DEPARTMENTS OR DISTRICTS
18 THAT EXTEND INTO TWO (2) COUNTIES TO BE
19 ELIGIBLE FOR FIRE PROTECTION PREMIUM TAX
20 FUNDS.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-284-406 is amended to read as follows:

27 14-284-406. Areas with no rural volunteer fire department or fire
28 protection district - Areas in two (2) or more counties.

29 (a)(1) Pursuant to § 14-284-201(a)(2), in any area in any county, in
30 which there is no rural volunteer fire department or fire protection district
31 which qualifies for funds under the provisions of this subchapter, the quorum
32 court is authorized, in its discretion and with the approval of the Arkansas
33 Fire Protection Services Board to designate any unincorporated area of the
34 county to be served by a municipal fire department, if approved by the
35 governing authorities of such municipality.

36 (2) In addition to the funds the municipality is otherwise



1 entitled to under this subchapter, the municipality serving any such
2 designated area shall receive the funds which the rural volunteer fire
3 department or fire protection district would have been eligible to receive,
4 and such funds shall be used by the municipality to provide training and to
5 purchase equipment necessary to provide fire protection in the designated
6 unincorporated area in compliance with this subchapter.

7 (b) No municipality shall receive funds under this subchapter unless
8 it is willing to provide fire protection through mutual aid agreements in
9 areas within five (5) miles of its corporate limits. Such municipalities
10 shall not be required to respond when, in the opinion of proper municipal
11 authorities, municipal property or fire classification rating would be
12 jeopardized.

13 (c)(1) A rural volunteer fire department or fire protection district
14 that qualifies for funds under this subchapter and that provides fire
15 protection services in two (2) or more counties shall be eligible to receive
16 moneys from each of the counties under § 14-284-403(a)(2).

17 (2) The county quorum court of each county shall apportion the
18 funds to the fire departments or districts eligible under this subsection in
19 accordance with § 14-284-403(a)(2).

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21 /s/ Scroggin
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