

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001
4

As Engrossed: S2/22/01 S3/8/01

A Bill

Act 984 of 2001
HOUSE BILL 1477

5 By: Representatives Weaver, Agee, Bevis, Bolin, Dangeau, Eason, Gipson, Green, Hickinbotham,
6 Jackson, G. Jeffress, Nichols, Oglesby, Salmon, Seawel, M. Steele, Teague
7

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-20-108
11 PERTAINING TO DUES FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE
12 DEPARTMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
13

Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-20-108
16 PERTAINING TO DUES FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE
17 DEPARTMENTS.
18
19

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

22 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-20-108(a)(1) is amended to read as follows:*

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

29 *(B) When any county quorum court receives a request for the levy*
30 *of volunteer fire department dues, if the request has been signed by the fire*
31 *chief and all other officers of a volunteer fire department and duly filed*
32 *with the county clerk, the quorum court shall, by ordinance, call for an*
33 *election on the issue of the levy of the volunteer fire department dues on*
34 *each residence. The issue may be placed on the ballot at a special election*
35 *or a general election and in each case shall comply with the laws of this*
36 *state pertaining to special elections and general elections. If the levy is*

1 approved by a majority of those voting on the issue, the dues shall be listed
 2 annually on the personal property tax statements and collected at the same
 3 time and in the same manner as the personal property taxes. The cost of the
 4 election shall be borne by the volunteer fire department that requested the
 5 levy.

6 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 14-20-108(b)(1) is amended to read as follows:

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

11 /s/ Weaver

12
13
14 APPROVED: 3/21/2001
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36