

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2021-133

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3 REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO REFER TO THE SENATE
4 COMMITTEE ON CITY, COUNTY, AND LOCAL AFFAIRS A REQUEST TO STUDY
5 THE CREATION OF A STATE-LEVEL DIVISION DEDICATED TO COORDINATING
6 AND PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS.
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8 WHEREAS, one of the state's most vital local resources is the numerous
9 volunteer fire departments that provide fire protection to less populated
10 areas; and
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12 WHEREAS, local volunteer fire departments are often understaffed and
13 overworked, with little administrative assistance to help comply with the
14 requirements to operate a local volunteer fire department; and
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16 WHEREAS, the creation of a state-level division dedicated to
17 coordinating a comprehensive plan and resources for local volunteer fire
18 departments may greatly assist these vital public entities,
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20 NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 THAT the Legislative Council refer to the Senate Committee on City,
25 County, and Local Affairs a request to study the creation of a state-level
26 division dedicated to coordinating and providing assistance to local
27 volunteer fire departments.
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30 Respectfully submitted,
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34 Senator Kim Hammer

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