

ARKANSAS SENATE
83rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2001
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1477

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-20-108 PERTAINING TO DUES FOR
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS."

Amendment No. 3 to House Bill No. 1477.

Amend House Bill No. 1477 as engrossed, S2/22/01:

Delete Sections 1 and 2 and substitute the following:

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

(a)(1)(A) 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; or

(B) When any county quorum court receives a request for the levy of volunteer fire department dues, if the request has been signed by the fire chief and all other officers of a volunteer fire department and duly filed with the county clerk, the quorum court shall, by ordinance, call for an election on the issue of the levy of the volunteer fire department dues on each residence. The issue may be placed on the ballot at a special election or a general election and in each case shall comply with the laws of this state pertaining to special elections and general elections. If the levy is approved by a majority of those voting on the issue, the dues shall be listed annually on the personal property tax statements and collected at the same time and in the same manner as the personal property taxes. The cost of the election shall be borne by the volunteer fire department that requested the levy.

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

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

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

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