

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2021-133

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO REFER TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON CITY, COUNTY, AND LOCAL AFFAIRS A REQUEST TO STUDY THE CREATION OF A STATE-LEVEL DIVISION DEDICATED TO COORDINATING AND PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

WHEREAS, one of the state’s most vital local resources is the numerous volunteer fire departments that provide fire protection to less populated areas; and

WHEREAS, local volunteer fire departments are often understaffed and overworked, with little administrative assistance to help comply with the requirements to operate a local volunteer fire department; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a state-level division dedicated to coordinating a comprehensive plan and resources for local volunteer fire departments may greatly assist these vital public entities,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the Legislative Council refer to the Senate Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs a request to study the creation of a state-level division dedicated to coordinating and providing assistance to local volunteer fire departments.

Respectfully submitted,

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