

1 **State of Arkansas**

2 **78th General Assembly**

3 **Regular Session, 1991**

4 **By: Representatives Hawkins, Wagner, Maddox and Holland**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS STUDY

9 COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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13 SECTION 1. (a) There is hereby created the Rural Fire Departments
14 Study Commission to be composed of fifteen (15) members to be appointed in the
15 manner and to represent various interests as follows:

16 (1) three (3) members of the Insurance and Commerce Committee,
17 one (1) to be a Senator and two (2) to be Representatives to be appointed by
18 the cochairmen of the Insurance and Commerce Committee;

19 (2) three (3) members of the City, County and Local Affairs
20 Committee, one (1) to be a Senator and two (2) to be Representatives to be
21 appointed by the cochairmen of the City, County and Local Affairs Committee;

22 (3) two (2) members of the House of Representatives to be
23 appointed by the Speaker of the House;

24 (4) one (1) member of the Senate to be appointed by the President
25 Pro Tempore of the Senate;

26 (5) one (1) member representing Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation
27 to be recommended by the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation and appointed by the
28 Speaker of the House;

29 (6) one (1) member representing the Independent Insurance Agents
30 of Arkansas to be recommended by the Independent Insurance Agents of Arkansas
31 and appointed by the Speaker of the House;

32 (7) one (1) member representing the County Judges Association to
33 be recommended by the County Judges Association and appointed by the Speaker
34 of the House;

35 (8) one (1) member representing the Arkansas Rural Firefighters

1 Association to be recommended by the Arkansas Rural Firefighters Association
2 and appointed by the Speaker of the House;

3 (9) one (1) member representing the Arkansas Council of
4 Professional Firefighters to be recommended by the Arkansas Council of
5 Professional Firefighters and appointed by the Speaker of the House;

6 (10) one (1) member representing the Arkansas Municipal League to
7 be recommended by the Arkansas Municipal League and appointed by the Speaker
8 of the House.

9 (b) The Speaker of the House shall select one (1) of the
10 Representatives as cochairman and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
11 shall select one (1) of the Senators as cochairman.

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13 SECTION 2. Members of the commission, other than the legislative
14 members, shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses
15 and travel in the maximum amounts prescribed by the Department of Finance and
16 Administration for state employees. Legislative members of the commission
17 shall be entitled to per diem and mileage at the same rate authorized by law
18 for attendance at meetings of joint interim committees of the General
19 Assembly.

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21 SECTION 3. The Rural Fire Departments Study Commission shall conduct an
22 in-depth study of the funding of rural fire departments to determine the
23 sources and whether it is sufficient to provide adequate fire protection in
24 rural areas. The commission shall study and make recommendations for a
25 permanent source of funding for these rural fire departments. The commission
26 shall also designate rural areas that do not have adequate fire protection and
27 make recommendations as to the needs of these areas.

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29 SECTION 4. The Rural Fire Department Study Commission shall submit its
30 report and recommendations together with any proposed legislation to the Joint
31 Interim Committee on Insurance and Commerce and the Joint Interim Committee on
32 City, County and Local Affairs on or before September 1, 1992.

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34 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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3 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
5 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
6 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
7 act are declared to be severable.

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9 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
10 hereby repealed.

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