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4 By: Representative Hudson

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1657

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 14-20-108 TO CLARIFY THAT
9 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS MAY EXTEND THEIR SERVICE AREAS
10 ACROSS COUNTY LINES WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE COUNTY
11 QUORUM COURTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO CLARIFY THAT VOLUNTEER FIRE
15 DEPARTMENTS MAY EXTEND THEIR SERVICE
16 AREAS ACROSS COUNTY LINES WITH THE
17 AGREEMENT OF THE COUNTY QUORUM COURTS."

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

21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-20-108 is amended to read as follows:

22 "14-20-108. Dues for volunteer fire departments.

23 (a)(1) 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
26 collect and remit to the department the annual or quarterly dues charged by
27 the department in consideration of providing fire protection to
28 unincorporated areas in the county.

29 (2) The ordinance enacted by the court shall set forth the terms
30 and conditions on which such dues are to be collected by the county and for
31 the remission of the dues to the volunteer fire departments.

32 (3) Provided, however, active members of the volunteer fire
33 departments whose annual or quarterly dues are collected in this manner may,
34 at the discretion of the volunteer fire department, be exempt from the annual
35 or quarterly dues charged by the department in consideration of providing

1 services to the department.

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

6 (2) Upon request by a volunteer fire department, the quorum
7 court of each county involved may authorize a volunteer fire department to
8 serve a geographical area to extend across the county boundary lines.

9 (c) The court may establish its own countywide fire department, either
10 regular or voluntary.

11 (d) *This section does not change the authority of intergovernmental*
12 *cooperation councils to enter into reciprocal agreements or to distribute*
13 *funds under Arkansas Code 14-284-401, et seq., and 26-57-614."*

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15 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature
16 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
17 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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19 SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to
20 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
21 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
22 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
23 act are declared to be severable.

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25 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
26 hereby repealed.

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/s/Rep. Hudson

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