

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1477

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6 Jackson, G. Jeffress, Nichols, Oglesby, Salmon, Seawel, M. Steele, Teague  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 14-20-108  
11 PERTAINING TO DUES FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE  
12 DEPARTMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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16 PERTAINING TO DUES FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE  
17 DEPARTMENTS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 14-20-108(a)(1) is amended to read as follows:*

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

29 *(B) When any county quorum court receives a request for the levy*  
30 *of volunteer fire department dues, if the request has been signed by the fire*  
31 *chief and all other officers of a volunteer fire department and duly filed*  
32 *with the county clerk, the quorum court shall, by ordinance, call for an*  
33 *election on the issue of the levy of the volunteer fire department dues on*  
34 *each residence. The issue may be placed on the ballot at a special election*  
35 *or a general election and in each case shall comply with the laws of this*  
36 *state pertaining to special elections and general elections. If the levy is*

1 approved by a majority of those voting on the issue, the dues shall be listed  
 2 annually on the personal property tax statements and collected at the same  
 3 time and in the same manner as the personal property taxes. The cost of the  
 4 election shall be borne by the volunteer fire department that requested the  
 5 levy.

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

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

11 /s/ Weaver

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