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8 **SENATE RESOLUTION**

9 REQUESTING THE SENATE AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC
10 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO STUDY WAYS TO ASSIST RURAL
11 FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN ASSESSING AND COLLECTING DUES; TO
12 DETERMINE THE KINDS OF PROPERTY THAT SHOULD BE
13 ASSESSED FOR DUES AND HOW BEST TO COLLECT DUES; AND
14 TO REQUEST THAT A REPORT OF THE STUDY BE MADE TO THE
15 HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE
16 AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BEFORE THE CONVENING OF THE
17 84TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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19 **Subtitle**

20 REQUESTING THE SENATE AGRICULTURE AND
21 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO STUDY
22 WAYS TO ASSIST RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

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25 WHEREAS, it is the public policy of this state to provide adequate fire
26 protection services for property of citizens through the use of properly
27 trained and equipped fire fighters; and

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29 WHEREAS, a large percentage of property in Arkansas is under the
30 protection of rural, volunteer fire departments; and

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32 WHEREAS, rural fire departments continue to experience financial
33 difficulty as a result of not being able to collect their assessments and
34 dues; and

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36 WHEREAS, without adequate funding, these rural fire departments cannot

1 be equipped to provide satisfactory fire protection service to the area they
2 are required to serve.

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
6 OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

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8 THAT the Rural Fire Departments Study Committee conduct a study of the
9 Arkansas Code to determine the feasibility and desirability of amending
10 Arkansas Code 14-20-108 to ensure that the best mechanism is in place to
11 assist rural fire departments in all regions of the state in assessing and
12 collecting dues. This study should include recommendations on what property
13 should be considered for the purpose of assessment of dues and how best to
14 handle the collection of those dues.

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of this study, a report be
17 made to the House and Senate Interim Committees on Agriculture and Economic
18 Development before the convening of the 84th General Assembly.

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