

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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*As Engrossed: S2/12/03*  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1009

5 By: Representative Scroggin  
6 *By: Senator Faris*  
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 14-284-406 TO  
11 ALLOW FIRE DEPARTMENTS OR FIRE PROTECTION  
12 DISTRICTS THAT EXTEND INTO TWO (2) OR MORE  
13 COUNTIES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDS FROM THE FIRE  
14 PROTECTION PREMIUM TAX FUND; AND FOR OTHER  
15 PURPOSES.  
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17 **Subtitle**

18 TO ALLOW FIRE DEPARTMENTS OR DISTRICTS  
19 THAT EXTEND INTO TWO (2) COUNTIES TO BE  
20 ELIGIBLE FOR FIRE PROTECTION PREMIUM TAX  
21 FUNDS.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-284-406 is amended to read as follows:

27 14-284-406. Areas with no rural volunteer fire department or fire  
28 protection district - Areas in two (2) or more counties.

29 (a)(1) Pursuant to § 14-284-201(a)(2), in any area in any county, in  
30 which there is no rural volunteer fire department or fire protection district  
31 which qualifies for funds under the provisions of this subchapter, the quorum  
32 court is authorized, in its discretion and with the approval of the Arkansas  
33 Fire Protection Services Board to designate any unincorporated area of the  
34 county to be served by a municipal fire department, if approved by the  
35 governing authorities of such municipality.

36 (2) In addition to the funds the municipality is otherwise



1 entitled to under this subchapter, the municipality serving any such  
2 designated area shall receive the funds which the rural volunteer fire  
3 department or fire protection district would have been eligible to receive,  
4 and such funds shall be used by the municipality to provide training and to  
5 purchase equipment necessary to provide fire protection in the designated  
6 unincorporated area in compliance with this subchapter.

7 (b) No municipality shall receive funds under this subchapter unless  
8 it is willing to provide fire protection through mutual aid agreements in  
9 areas within five (5) miles of its corporate limits. Such municipalities  
10 shall not be required to respond when, in the opinion of proper municipal  
11 authorities, municipal property or fire classification rating would be  
12 jeopardized.

13 (c)(1) A rural volunteer fire department or fire protection district  
14 that qualifies for funds under this subchapter and that provides fire  
15 protection services in two (2) or more counties shall be eligible to receive  
16 moneys from each of the counties under § 14-284-403(a)(2).

17 (2) The county quorum court of each county shall apportion the  
18 funds to the fire departments or districts eligible under this subsection in  
19 accordance with § 14-284-403(a)(2).

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