

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.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 123

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5 By: Senator Higginbotham  
6 By: Representative Wells

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO ALLOW VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS TO RECEIVE  
11 SIMULTANEOUS SERVICE CREDIT FROM DIFFERENT  
12 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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16 AN ACT TO ALLOW VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS  
17 TO RECEIVE SIMULTANEOUS SERVICE CREDIT  
18 FROM DIFFERENT VOLUNTEER FIRE  
19 DEPARTMENTS.

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

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-10-501(b), pertaining to paid and  
25 volunteer service, is amended as follows:

26 (b)(1) Each employer shall regularly report to the board the calendar  
27 months of covered employment by each of its members that the employer wishes  
28 to be credited to the member as volunteer service.

29 (2) The board shall credit the member with the volunteer  
30 service, but in no case shall one (1) month of volunteer service be credited  
31 for any one (1) calendar month for which a month of paid service can be  
32 granted by the same employer, nor shall more than one (1) year of service be  
33 credited for all covered employment rendered by him or her in any one (1)  
34 calendar year with the same employer.

35 (3) Beginning January 1, 1999, the board may credit a member  
36 both with volunteer service and with paid service when the member earns the



1 service credit simultaneously under different employers, except that he or  
2 she shall be limited to earning volunteer service with only one (1) covered  
3 employer at a time.

4 (4) Beginning July 1, 2005, the board may credit a member both  
5 with volunteer service and with paid service when the member earns the  
6 service credit simultaneously under different employers, except that he or  
7 she shall be limited to earning volunteer service from no more than two (2)  
8 covered volunteer employers at a time.

9 (5) Beginning July 1, 2005, the board may credit a member with  
10 volunteer service credit earned simultaneously from up to two (2) different  
11 covered volunteer employers at a time.

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13 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
14 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that in order to encourage Arkansas  
15 citizens to volunteer as firefighters, and to compensate for those volunteers  
16 risking their lives for the health and safety of Arkansas residents, and that  
17 for the effective administration of this act, this act should become  
18 effective on July 1, 2005. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and  
19 this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health,  
20 and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2005.

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