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A Bill

SENATE BILL 179

By: Senator B. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE MAINTENANCE OF FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT INFORMATION FOR THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF
THE 911 EMERGENCY SERVICE SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE MAINTENANCE OF FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT INFORMATION FOR THE EFFICIENT
OPERATION OF THE 911 EMERGENCY SERVICE
SYSTEM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 10, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

12-10-329. Fire protection district map – Information maintenance.

(a) Each fire protection district shall maintain an accurate fire protection district map that is certified by the:

(1) Mayor or other qualified representative of the city or town in which the fire protection district is located; or

(2) County judge or county fire coordinator of the county in which the fire protection district is located.

(b) The fire protection district map created under subsection (a) of this section shall be:

(1) Compatible with the guidelines and standards under § 12-10-305;



(2) Transmitted to the Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office:

(A) Annually; and

(B) Upon changes to the fire protection district map by a method agreed upon by the office and the fire protection district; and

(3) Maintained by the office to assist the Arkansas 911 Board in carrying out the duties of the board under § 12-10-305.

(c) The board shall incorporate the fire protection district maps under this section into next generation 911 no later than January 1, 2022.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-284-207 is amended to read as follows:

14-284-207. Quorum court to establish fire protection district service area – Furnishing of maps.

(a)(1) The quorum court of each county ~~wherein is located~~ in which a fire protection district ~~formed for fire protection purposes~~ is located shall establish the service area of the fire protection ~~districts to not exceed a~~ district ~~radius of five (5) miles from each fire station~~ district.

~~(2) For the purpose of this subsection, five (5) miles means a distance of five (5) miles by straight line, not road or highway miles~~ The service area of a fire protection district created after January 1, 2021, shall not include any area within the territorial jurisdiction of the governing body of a municipality as established in § 14-56-413 that has adopted an ordinance to provide fire protection services to the area in accordance with § 14-53-102, unless waived by majority vote of the governing body of the municipality.

(b) The quorum ~~courts~~ court shall furnish the fire protection ~~organizations~~ district with a map indicating ~~their~~ the service area of the fire protection district.

/s/B. Johnson

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