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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1009

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO ALLOW FIRE DEPARTMENTS OR DISTRICTS
THAT EXTEND INTO TWO (2) COUNTIES TO BE
ELIGIBLE FOR FIRE PROTECTION PREMIUM TAX
FUNDS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-284-406 is amended to read as follows:
14-284-406. Areas with no rural volunteer fire department or fire
protection district — Areas in two (2) or more counties.

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

(2) In addition to the funds the municipality is otherwise
entitled to under this subchapter, the municipality serving any such



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

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

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

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