

An Act relating to counties and county officers; stating public policy concerning full-time firefighters in any Rural Fire Protection District; providing for collective bargaining and arbitration law; construing provisions of act; stating conditions under which a person shall be deemed to be on strike; providing for certain determination; requiring certain request be filed in writing; requiring certain proceedings and stating procedures; allowing court to review certain decision; establishing method of arbitration; stating that specified arbitration method not be deemed recognition of alternative procedure of settling disputes; defining terms; authorizing participation of certain full-time firefighters; providing exceptions; declaring certain rights and prohibitions; providing for filing of petition under specified conditions; requiring investigation; requiring election; allowing certification as exclusive employee representative under specified circumstances; limiting labor organization placed on ballot; requiring conditions of certain factors to determine appropriate unit for collective bargaining; providing for certain elections, and procedures and rights related thereto; requiring certain meeting upon request for collective bargaining purposes; stating certain obligation of Rural Fire Protection District; providing for certain agreements and providing procedures; providing for certain arbitration, and procedures related thereto; providing for arbitration board hearings, and procedures related thereto; providing for certain considerations; providing for fees and expenses; authorizing certain agreements, and procedures related thereto; providing for arbitration in absence of agreement; permitting request for special election under certain circumstances, and providing procedures related thereto; specifying contents of ballots under certain circumstances; requiring certain notice; providing penalties; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.