

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 4091

By: Caldwell (Trey)

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An Act relating to fire districts; amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 351.1, which relates to agreements for fire protection services by municipalities; providing procedure for disagreements over service areas between jurisdictions; directing disputes be arbitrated by Fire Marshal's Commission; providing certain considerations; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 351.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 351.1 A. The board of county commissioners of each county may enter into agreements with any municipality for the furnishing of fire protection and emergency services, including, but not limited to, medical attention and wreck removal, by said municipality for all persons and property in areas outside the corporate limits of such municipality and to pay for such services a reasonable amount on a per run basis, or such other equitable basis

1 as may be agreed upon, and to pay for such services from funds of
2 the county general fund or the county highway fund. The board of
3 county commissioners of each county may also enter into reciprocal
4 agreements with other counties for such services. The board of
5 county commissioners shall also have the authority to collect
6 charges for such services performed by a municipality or another
7 county, pursuant to the provision of this section, from any person
8 to whom such services are provided. Said funds shall be disbursed
9 to the entities providing services.

10 B. Should a disagreement over service areas arise between
11 jurisdictions providing services, with or without an agreement as
12 described in subsection A, either entity may petition for
13 arbitration by the Fire Marshal's Commission to determine boundary
14 lines for the entities involved. In making a determination, the
15 Fire Marshal's Commission shall consider but is not limited to, the
16 importance of a quick response time, the financial burden on both
17 the service providers and the jurisdiction receiving services, and
18 the capabilities of both jurisdictions to render services.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.
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1 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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