

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 4091

By: Caldwell (Trey) of the House

3 and

4 Rosino of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to fire districts; amending 19 O.S.
7 2021, Section 351.1, which relates to agreements for
8 fire protection services by municipalities; providing
9 procedure for disagreements over service areas
10 between jurisdictions; directing disputes be
11 arbitrated by Fire Marshal's Commission; providing
12 certain considerations; providing an effective date;
and declaring an emergency.

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

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

16 Section 351.1 A. The board of county commissioners of each
17 county may enter into agreements with any municipality for the
18 furnishing of fire protection and emergency services, including, but
19 not limited to, medical attention and wreck removal, by said
20 municipality for all persons and property in areas outside the
21 corporate limits of such municipality and to pay for such services a
22 reasonable amount on a per run basis, or such other equitable basis
23 as may be agreed upon, and to pay for such services from funds of
24 the county general fund or the county highway fund. The board of

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

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

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

18 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
19 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2024.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2024.

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