

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 4091

By: Caldwell (Trey) of the
House

and

Rosino of the Senate

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.

SUBJECT: Fire districts

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 as may be agreed upon, and to pay for such services from funds of the county general fund or the county highway fund. The board of county commissioners of each county may also enter into reciprocal agreements with other counties for such services. The board of county commissioners shall also have the authority to collect charges for such services performed by a municipality or another

county, pursuant to the provision of this section, from any person to whom such services are provided. Said funds shall be disbursed to the entities providing services.

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

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

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

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

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 16th day of April, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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