

CHAPTER 57

S.B. No. 443

An Act relating to the authority of a county to contract with a volunteer fire department; amending Chapter 235, Acts of the 52nd Legislature, 1951, as amended (Article 2351a-5, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 235, Acts of the 52nd Legislature, 1951, as amended (Article 2351a-5, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

"The commissioners court of any county may contract with any incorporated volunteer fire department which is located within the county [~~but not within the corporate limits of any city or town;~~] for the purpose of furnishing fire protection services to areas of the county which are not within the corporate limits of a city or town. The terms of the contract may be as mutually agreed upon by the commissioners court and the volunteer fire department. The commissioners court may pay for the services under the contract out of the general fund of the county."

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on March 21, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on April 18, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved: April 30, 1985

Effective: Immediately