- 1 HB158
- 2 215589-2
- 3 By Representative Whitt (N & P)
- 4 RFD: Limestone County Legislation
- 5 First Read: 18-JAN-22

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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
6	AN ACT
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8	Relating to Limestone County; to authorize
9	communication districts in Limestone County to contract and
10	otherwise cooperate with an emergency communication district
11	or public safety agency in a neighboring state; and to provide
12	for immunity for districts and their officers and employees.
13	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
14	Section 1. This act shall apply only to Limestone
15	County.
16	Section 2. (a) The board of commissioners of a
17	communication district established by the Limestone County
18	Commission pursuant to Chapter 98 of Title 11, Section 11-98-1
19	et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, which serves territory lying
20	within Limestone County may do any of the following:
21	(1) Contract or otherwise cooperate with an
22	emergency communication district serving any part of an
23	adjacent county in the State of Tennessee for the provision of
24	emergency communication services, including, but not limited
25	to, dispatch services, or assistance in the provision of
26	emergency communications services within any part of the

respective territory or area of service of any communication

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district that is party to the contract or cooperative agreement.

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- (2) Contract or otherwise cooperate with any public safety agency of the State of Tennessee or functional division of a political subdivision of the State of Tennessee which provides fire fighting, rescue, natural or man-made disaster or major emergency response, law enforcement, or ambulance or emergency medical services within any part of a county in Tennessee that is adjacent to Limestone County, for the provision of emergency communications services, including, but not limited to, dispatch services or assistance in the provision of emergency services within any part of the respective territory or areas of service of any communication district, public safety agency, or division of a political subdivision that is party to the contract or cooperative agreement.
- (b) A communication district contracting or cooperating with an entity pursuant to this section and any officers or employees of the communication district shall be considered as acting in a county governmental capacity for any actions taken pursuant to this act. Any officer or employee of the communication district performing any activity or duty authorized by this section shall be entitled to the same rights, privileges, exceptions, and immunities provided by law for any county governmental activity or duty performed within Limestone County, to the same extent as allowed for their

1	other activities or duties authorized by Chapter 98 of Title
2	11, Code of Alabama 1975.
3	(c) This section is cumulative in its nature and
4	shall be in addition to any and all power and authority
5	granted to a communication district, a county, or a
6	municipality under any other law.
7	Section 3. The provisions of this act are severable
8	If any part of this act is declared invalid or
9	unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part
10	that remains.
11	Section 4. This act shall become effective
12	immediately following its passage and approval by the

Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6 7	Read for the first time and re- ferred to the House of Representa- tives committee on Limestone County Legislation
8 9	Pond for the second time and placed
10	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar 1 amendment 02-FEB-22
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12 13	Read for the third time and passed as amended 03-FEB-22
14	Yeas 47, Nays 0, Abstains 47
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16 17 18	Jeff Woodard Clerk