

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

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2 ENROLLED, An Act,

3 Relating to Limestone County; to authorize
4 communication districts in Limestone County to contract and
5 otherwise cooperate with an emergency communication district
6 or public safety agency in a neighboring state; and to provide
7 for immunity for districts and their officers and employees.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9 Section 1. This act shall apply only to Limestone
10 County.

11 Section 2. (a) The board of commissioners of a
12 communication district established by the Limestone County
13 Commission pursuant to Chapter 98 of Title 11, Section 11-98-1
14 et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, which serves territory lying
15 within Limestone County may do any of the following:

16 (1) Contract or otherwise cooperate with an
17 emergency communication district serving any part of an
18 adjacent county in the State of Tennessee for the provision of
19 emergency communication services, including, but not limited
20 to, dispatch services, or assistance in the provision of
21 emergency communications services within any part of the
22 respective territory or area of service of any communication
23 district that is party to the contract or cooperative
24 agreement.

1 (2) Contract or otherwise cooperate with any public
2 safety agency of the State of Tennessee or functional division
3 of a political subdivision of the State of Tennessee which
4 provides fire fighting, rescue, natural or man-made disaster
5 or major emergency response, law enforcement, or ambulance or
6 emergency medical services within any part of a county in
7 Tennessee that is adjacent to Limestone County, for the
8 provision of emergency communications services, including, but
9 not limited to, dispatch services or assistance in the
10 provision of emergency services within any part of the
11 respective territory or areas of service of any communication
12 district, public safety agency, or division of a political
13 subdivision that is party to the contract or cooperative
14 agreement.

15 (b) A communication district contracting or
16 cooperating with an entity pursuant to this section and any
17 officers or employees of the communication district shall be
18 considered as acting in a county governmental capacity for any
19 actions taken pursuant to this act. Any officer or employee of
20 the communication district performing any activity or duty
21 authorized by this section shall be entitled to the same
22 rights, privileges, exceptions, and immunities provided by law
23 for any county governmental activity or duty performed within
24 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
13 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
9 and was passed by the House 03-FEB-22, as amended.

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Jeff Woodard

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Clerk

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Senate

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