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9 A BILL  
10 TO BE ENTITLED  
11 AN ACT  
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13 Relating to Limestone County; to authorize  
14 communication districts in Limestone County to contract and  
15 otherwise cooperate with an emergency communication district  
16 or public safety agency in a neighboring state; and to provide  
17 for immunity for districts and their officers and employees.  
18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

19 Section 1. This act shall apply only to Limestone  
20 County.

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

26 (1) Contract or otherwise cooperate with an  
27 emergency communication district serving any part of an

1 adjacent county in the State of Tennessee for the provision of  
2 emergency communication services, including, but not limited  
3 to, dispatch services, or assistance in the provision of  
4 emergency communications services within any part of the  
5 respective territory or area of service of any communication  
6 district that is party to the contract or cooperative  
7 agreement.

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

22 (b) A communication district contracting or  
23 cooperating with an entity pursuant to this section and any  
24 officers or employees of the communication district shall be  
25 considered as acting in a governmental capacity for any  
26 actions taken pursuant to this act. Any officer or employee of  
27 the communication district performing any activity or duty

1 authorized by this section shall be entitled to the same  
2 rights, privileges, exceptions, and immunities provided by law  
3 for any governmental activity or duty performed within  
4 Limestone County.

5 (c) This section is cumulative in its nature and  
6 shall be in addition to any and all power and authority  
7 granted to a communication district, a county, or a  
8 municipality under any other law.

9 Section 3. The provisions of this act are severable.  
10 If any part of this act is declared invalid or  
11 unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part  
12 that remains.

13 Section 4. This act shall become effective  
14 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
15 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.