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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 842

90TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Local Government and Economic Development, February 21, 2000, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 321, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to certain fire protection districts, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 321, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 321.223, to read as follows:

321.223. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any fire protection district within a county of the first classification with a charter form of government with a population of at least nine hundred thousand may contract with any municipality or village that does not operate their own fire department to provide fire protection services for a fee. In such event, the municipality and the fire protection district shall, by ordinance duly enacted by the governing board of each, agree upon the terms upon which such fire protection shall be furnished. The agreement may provide for the payment of a stated sum per year upon any method of compensation for such fire protection that is agreed upon by the fire district and the municipality entering into such contract; provided, that any contract for a period longer than five years shall have no binding force until ratified by a majority of the voters in the fire district and the municipality entering into such a contract.

2. If the fire protection district is authorized to provide ambulance service within its district, the fire protection district may also provide ambulance service to the municipality, upon such terms as the fire district and the municipality may agree, which are not inconsistent with any requirement of subsection 1 of this section.

Section B. Because of the need to enhance fire protection in certain counties, section 321.223 of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section 321.223 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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