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H.B. No. 2918

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the administration of the rural volunteer fire
3 department assistance program.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 614.072, Government Code, as added by
6 Chapter 1129, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001,
7 is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

8 (h) In determining the criteria for the distribution of
9 money from the fund under Subsection (c), the director shall ensure
10 that the criteria gives preference to those volunteer fire
11 departments that have the smallest operating budgets of the
12 volunteer fire departments that request assistance from the fund.

13 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
14 to a distribution of money from the rural volunteer fire department
15 assistance fund made on or after the effective date of this Act. A
16 distribution of money from the rural volunteer fire department
17 assistance fund made before the effective date of this Act is
18 governed by the law in effect on the date the distribution was made,
19 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.