By: Simpson H.B. No. 12

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to appropriating money to the Texas A&M Forest Service to
- 3 be used to assist volunteer fire departments during the current
- 4 state fiscal biennium.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. In addition to amounts previously appropriated
- 7 for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2013, the amount of
- 8 \$33,000,000 is appropriated out of general revenue account number
- 9 5064, Volunteer Fire Department Assistance, to the Texas A&M Forest
- 10 Service for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2013, for the purpose
- 11 of assisting volunteer firefighters in paying for equipment,
- 12 personnel training, and administration, and for the purpose of
- 13 staffing and operating costs associated with the Statewide Wildfire
- 14 Protection Plan.
- 15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 19 Act has no effect.