

AN ACT

relating to the responsibility for keeping fire-fighting equipment furnished to a volunteer fire department by a county in good working order.

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

SECTION 1. Section 352.005(e), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The petitioner [~~county~~] shall keep the fire-fighting equipment in good working order, and make all necessary repairs or replacements, and provide [~~The commissioners court shall determine if a repair or replacement is necessary and shall require that repair work, including~~] labor and materials for repairs [~~be provided as much as possible by the court's shops that it designates~~]. The commissioners court may provide the petitioner with at least one emergency unit of fire-fighting equipment to be used while the regular unit is being repaired or replaced. The commissioners court may use an available truck or other equipment if it is unable to acquire a new truck or equipment for the purpose of building or equipping the fire-fighting equipment.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 712 was passed by the House on April 3, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 712 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor