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H.B. No. 712

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the responsibility for keeping fire-fighting equipment
3 furnished to a volunteer fire department by a county in good working
4 order.

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

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

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

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