

HOUSE BILL 424

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7,
Chapter 86, relative to emergency
communications.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-86-303, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(d) Any funds collected by the board shall be deposited in the state treasury in a separate interest-bearing fund to be known as the 911 Emergency Communications Fund. Disbursements from this fund shall be limited solely to the operational and administrative expenses of the board and the purposes as expressed in this part. At no time during its existence shall the 911 Emergency Communications Fund be used to fund the general expenses of the state of Tennessee.

(1) The board shall use twenty-two percent (22%) of the revenue generated by the charge on commercial mobile radio service in any fiscal year for its own operational and administrative expenses.

(2) The board shall distribute fifty percent (50%) of the revenue generated by the charge on commercial mobile radio service in any fiscal year to each emergency communications district created either pursuant to § 7-86-105 or this part, based on the proportion of the population of each district to that of the state, according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census. Such funds shall be used at the discretion of each district for the provision of 911 service in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Such

distribution shall be made thereafter as soon as possible in accordance with the provisions of this part.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 7-86-305 or any other law to the contrary, the board shall distribute twenty-eight percent (28%) of the revenue generated by the charge on commercial mobile radio service in any fiscal year to financially distressed emergency communications districts for maintaining minimum 911 quality standards. For the purposes of this subdivision (3), the board shall establish minimum 911 quality standards and shall determine which districts are eligible for funding to maintain such standards.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.