

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 204

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A RESOLUTION relative to the funding of fire service by local governments.

WHEREAS, Tennessee's communities are supported by fire departments, some paid and some volunteer, and many of these communities experience great difficulty in funding fire service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR) is directed to study the collection methods and charges imposed by local governments, especially in rural and suburban areas, for fire service, whether provided by a paid or volunteer fire department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that TACIR shall study the overall impact on local governments when their respective jurisdictions are not protected by a fully funded fire department. TACIR shall also study the impact of making fire service an essential service provided by local governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate state agencies and departments shall provide assistance to TACIR upon the request of its executive director. TACIR shall seek input from representatives of fire service and local government in conducting such study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that TACIR shall report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the respective chairs of the House State and Local Government Committee and the Senate State and Local Government Committee no later than February 1, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.