

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1527

By: Leewright of the Senate

3 and

4 Burns of the House

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6 An Act relating to fire protection districts;
7 amending 18 O.S. 2021, Sections 592 and 594, which
8 relate to fire departments for unincorporated areas;
9 modifying allowable services to be provided; and
10 providing an effective date.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 18 O.S. 2021, Section 592, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 592. The authority of persons associated together to
15 become incorporated as a charitable corporation for the purpose of
16 providing either a volunteer or full-time fire department for an
17 unincorporated area or place is hereby ratified and confirmed. Such
18 a corporate fire department shall have authority to provide fire
19 protective service and all other emergency services both to its
20 members and to nonmembers, either within or without the
21 unincorporated area wherein it is situated.

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 18 O.S. 2021, Section 594, is
23 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 594. Any charitable corporation formed in an
2 unincorporated area for the purpose of providing either a volunteer
3 or a full-time fire department, such as is mentioned in Section 592
4 of this title, shall be considered an agency of the State of
5 Oklahoma while actually performing the function of providing fire
6 protective services and all other emergency services either within
7 or without the unincorporated area wherein it is situated, and while
8 so engaged such corporation shall not be liable in tort for the acts
9 of its members or its firemen.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

11 Passed the Senate the 14th day of March, 2022.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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15 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
16 2022.

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