

HB 718 -- Volunteer Fire Protection Association Fees

Sponsor: Dugger

This bill changes the laws regarding the assessment and collection of volunteer fire protection association fees. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Authorizes a county, after a request by voter petition and upon voter approval by the residents within a volunteer fire protection association's boundaries, to collect association fees by adding the fees to the personal property tax lists. The county will disburse the collected fees to the association;

(2) Requires the annual assessment of association fees against all owners of property within the association's boundaries. An owner will be assessed once for all unoccupied property and once for all occupied property; and

(3) Authorizes, upon association member voter approval, an increase of up to 0.5% in association fees. A proposal to increase fees cannot be submitted for voter approval unless it has been more than two years from the last increase.