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# Fire Department Liability

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## Private Acts of 1973 Chapter 97

**COMPILER'S NOTE:** This Act may be superseded by the "Tennessee Governmental Tort Liability Act", T.C.A. 29-20-101 et seq.

**SECTION 1.** This act shall apply to all counties of the state of Tennessee having a population of not less than 29,075 nor more than 29,100 according to the federal census of 1970 or any subsequent federal census.

**SECTION 2.** Fire fighting equipment belonging to a municipality within counties affected by this act may leave such municipality for the purpose of answering calls outside the boundaries of such municipality.

**SECTION 3.** Municipalities, municipal officers, employees, public officials and their agents shall be immune from any liability of any kind arising out of such calls and activities made because of such calls outside the city limits of any incorporated municipality but within the boundaries of such county.

**SECTION 4.** This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Quarterly County Court of Lawrence County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the Lawrence County Quarterly County Court and certified by him to the Secretary of State.

**SECTION 5.** For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 4.

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