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The Committee on Community Affairs (Bennett) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section 40.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

40.013 Persons disqualified or excused from jury service.--

(2)

(b) Any full-time federal, state, or local law enforcement officer or such entities' investigative personnel or any full-time firefighter, as defined in s. 112.81, shall be excused from jury service unless such persons choose to serve.

Section 2. Subsections (5), (6), and (7) of section 191.008, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (6), (7), and (8), respectively, and a new subsection (5) is added to that section, to read:

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1           191.008 Special powers.--Independent special fire  
2 control districts shall provide for fire suppression and  
3 prevention by establishing and maintaining fire stations and  
4 fire substations and acquiring and maintaining such  
5 firefighting and fire protection equipment deemed necessary to  
6 prevent or fight fires. All construction shall be in  
7 compliance with applicable state, regional, and local  
8 regulations, including adopted comprehensive plans and land  
9 development regulations. The board shall have and may exercise  
10 any or all of the following special powers relating to  
11 facilities and duties authorized by this act:

12           (5) Recover reasonable court costs, including  
13 attorney's fees, from the nonprevailing party in any civil  
14 action to enforce the provisions of chapter 553 or chapter 633  
15 and this section concerning fire suppression and prevention  
16 and the enforcement of the firesafety code.

17           Section 3. Subsection (12) is added to section  
18 191.011, Florida Statutes, to read:

19           191.011 Procedures for the levy and collection of  
20 non-ad valorem assessments.--

21           (12) Property owned or operated by a religious  
22 institution and used primarily as a place of worship shall be  
23 exempt from any non-ad valorem assessments levied pursuant to  
24 this act if the governing board of the district desires to  
25 exempt all religious institutions in the district from such  
26 assessments. As used in this subsection, the term "religious  
27 institution" means any church, synagogue, or other established  
28 physical place for worship at which nonprofit religious  
29 services and activities are regularly conducted and carried  
30 on.

31           Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a

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5 And the title is amended as follows:

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8 and insert:

9 A bill to be entitled

10 An act relating to firefighting; amending s.  
 11 40.013, F.S.; excusing certain firefighters  
 12 from jury duty service; amending s. 191.008,  
 13 F.S.; authorizing the governing board of a fire  
 14 control district to recover court costs and  
 15 attorney's fees in certain civil actions;  
 16 amending s. 191.011, F.S.; authorizing a fire  
 17 control district to exempt property owned or  
 18 operated by religious institutions from non-ad  
 19 valorem assessments; providing a definition;  
 20 providing an effective date.

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