

HB 1677 - DIGEST

Requires county commissioners to: (1) Establish and maintain a list of private contract firefighters, firms, corporations, and individuals qualified and available to provide fire suppression services in each county; and

(2) In developing the list, consider the entities' firefighting experience, knowledge of local terrain, geography, and community resources, and ownership of or access to and experience with equipment used in fire suppression.

Requires the department of natural resources to: (1) Based on the lists, compile and maintain a statewide list, to be organized by region, of private contract firefighters, firms, corporations, and individuals in each county; and

(2) Within one hour of receiving notification or otherwise learning of an active fire, determine whether government resources are available to be deployed for initial suppression.

Requires each regional fire service plan to include a strategy to use geographically convenient private contract firefighters and other individuals available to provide fire suppression services.