

80-1923. Same; contracts for fire-fighting services; terms. (a) Any benefit district organized under the provisions of K.S.A. 80-1922 is hereby authorized to contract with the township board having control over any fire department created under the provisions of K.S.A. 80-1920 for the furnishing of fire-fighting service within said district by said township board, and such township board is hereby authorized to contract with the governing body of any such benefit district to furnish fire-fighting service to such district upon such terms and for such compensation as may be agreed upon. Such township board may also contract with any individual or group of individuals, firm or corporation whose property is situated outside its township, to furnish fire-fighting services to such individual, group of individuals, firm or corporation upon such terms and for such compensation as may be agreed upon. A person in charge of the fire department shall have the right in every case to determine whether or not all or any portion of the fire equipment and volunteer members can be spared at any particular time.

(b) The compensation agreed upon in a contract pursuant to subsection (a) shall always be at least sufficient to pay the township owning the equipment for the cost of material used on the run and fighting the fire and, if such township be actually liable therefor, to pay the firemen and to enable such township to carry a sufficient amount of insurance to indemnify it for loss or damage to any fire-fighting equipment, or injury or damage to person or property. All such contracts shall be in writing and duly adopted by the township boards or township trustees concerned. The compensation agreed upon shall be a legal charge and collectible by the township rendering the service in any court of competent jurisdiction.

History: L. 1953, ch. 469, § 4; L. 1979, ch. 186, §31; July 1.