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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1368

5 By: Representatives D. Hodges, Holcomb  
6 By: Senator J. Bryant  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AID ROADS; TO AMEND THE LAW  
10 CONCERNING CONTRACTS FOR WORK TO BE PERFORMED ON  
11 STATE AID ROADS; TO AMEND THE AGGREGATE COST MAXIMUM  
12 FOR CONTRACTS FOR WORK TO BE PERFORMED ON STATE AID  
13 ROADS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

17 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CONTRACTS FOR  
18 WORK TO BE PERFORMED ON STATE AID ROADS;  
19 AND TO AMEND THE AGGREGATE COST MAXIMUM  
20 FOR CONTRACTS FOR WORK TO BE PERFORMED ON  
21 STATE AID ROADS.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-72-302(b), concerning the establishment  
27 of a system of state aid roads in each county of the state, is amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 (b) There is set up for designation by cooperative action of the state  
30 and counties a state aid system of roads, as classified and defined in this  
31 subchapter, which system shall be designated by the several county judges of  
32 their respective counties with the consent and approval of the state aid  
33 engineer and the State Highway Commission to a total mileage not in excess of  
34 ~~fifteen thousand (15,000)~~ twenty thousand (20,000) miles, ~~including any~~  
35 ~~municipal streets,~~ and initially established at five thousand (5,000) miles,  
36 which five thousand (5,000) miles shall include all county roads on the



1 federal-aid secondary road system. The system will periodically be expanded  
 2 in one thousand-mile increments after the initial five thousand-mile system  
 3 has been established.

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 5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-72-310(b), concerning contracts for work  
 6 to be performed on state aid roads, is amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The county judge of any county is authorized to submit bids for  
 8 work to be performed on state aid roads under the provisions of this  
 9 subchapter, and nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit or  
 10 restrict the right of a county judge to submit bids for work to be performed  
 11 by county forces so long as the bids are in accordance with procedures  
 12 prescribed in § 27-67-206, and the aggregate cost thereof does not exceed ~~two~~  
 13 ~~hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)~~ five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

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 15 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-72-312(b) and (c), concerning the use of  
 16 the State Aid Road Fund, are amended to read as follows:

17 (b) ~~Not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of a A~~ county's allotment  
 18 from the fund ~~shall~~ may be used for the purposes of resealing, micro  
 19 surfacing, and other methods of pavement preservation.

20 (c) ~~No~~ Other than funds spent on pavement preservation projects under  
 21 subsection (b) of this section, funds shall not be spent ~~hereunder~~ on any a  
 22 project ~~which shall~~ that does not culminate directly in a paved hard-surfaced  
 23 road.

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