|    | Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed<br>prior to this session of the General Assembly.<br>Act 1614 of the Regular Session |
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| 5  | By: Senator J. Jeffress  |
| 6  | By: Representatives Cheatham, Maxwell, Moore, Rainey, Reep   |
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| 9  | For An Act To Be Entitled  |
| 10 | AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS  |
| 11 | NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION FOR COMPREHENSIVE   |
| 12 | INTEGRATED WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP AND MANAGEMENT;   |
| 13 | AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  |
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| 16 | Subtitle   |
| 17 | AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS NATURAL  |
| 18 | RESOURCES COMMISSION - WATERSHED   |
| 19 | STEWARDSHIP AND MANAGEMENT GENERAL   |
| 20 | IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.   |
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| 22 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  |
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| 24 | SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP AND MANAGEMENT. There  |
| 25 | is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, to be  |
| 26 | payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  |
| 27 | accounts, the following:   |
| 28 | (A) For support of comprehensive integrated watershed stewardship and  |
| 29 | management activities, the sum of  |
| 30 | \$200,000.   |
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| 32 | SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor   |
| 33 | obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  |
| 34 | described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  |
| 35 | therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  |



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1 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and 2 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State 3 4 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects 5 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds 6 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General 7 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall 8 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

9 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing 10 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue 11 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State 12 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, 13 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any 14 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law. 15

16 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly 17 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act 18 19 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations 20 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by 21 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral 22 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or 23 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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25 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General 26 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the 27 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the 28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in 29 30 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the 31 32 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. 33 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being 34 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and 35 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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/s/ J. **Jeffre** 

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