

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
84th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2003  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 697**

"AN ACT TO HELP FUND TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY FOR COUNTIES IN ORDER  
TO IMPROVE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS AND TO HELP FUND LAND RECORDS  
MODERNIZATION."

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 697.**

Amend Senate Bill No. 697 as originally introduced:

Delete Section 1 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. (a)(1) For purposes of this section, "parcel" means all contiguous land capable of being conveyed on a single deed, except when the land crosses a taxing unit or section lines.

(2) However, an "improvement only" is considered a separate parcel from the land.

(b) The General Assembly has determined that in order to meet the directives of Arkansas Code § 15-21-501, cooperative methods between state and local governments are necessary to improve electronic public access to land records.

(c)(1) To provide for and maintain the public access to land records, an annual fee in the amount of one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per parcel is levied on the owner of taxable real property in each county of this state.

(2) The fee shall be paid annually in every county where the property owner pays real property taxes, but in no event shall the fee exceed seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) per owner per year in any county.

(3) The fee shall be paid to the county tax collector by the property owner at the time of paying property taxes.

(d) Collection of the fee shall begin on January 1, 2004.

(e)(1) Each county shall create within the county treasury a County Technology and Digital Mapping Fund.

(2) The county treasurer shall disburse the monies in the fund for the purpose of acquiring information technology, information technology services, information technology personnel, and information technology training.

(3) Expenditures for information technologies may include:

(A) Computer hardware and software;

(B) Internet connectivity; and

(C) Digital data acquisition and development including but



not limited to digital aerial photography, satellite imagery, and digital monumentation and re-monumentation.

(4) The information technologies shall be consistent with Arkansas State Land Information Board standards and the State of Arkansas Shared Technical Architecture.

(f)(1) Fifty-seven percent (57%) of the fees collected in each county shall be deposited into the County Technology and Digital Mapping Fund.

(2) Forty-three percent (43%) of the amount collected shall be transmitted by the county treasurer to the Treasurer of State for deposit into the Geographic Information Systems Fund for the purpose of assisting in land records modernization using current digital data standards, and for the development and distribution of that data to the public.

(g) The Arkansas State Land Information Board shall establish policies to monitor technology progress, and provide for accountability, in the use of the funds collected under this section.

(h) All land records data development shall be coordinated with the Arkansas Geographic Information Office."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

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