

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

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 718**

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 19-5- 1005 PERTAINING TO THE PURPOSES  
FOR WHICH THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUND SHALL BE USED."

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 718.**

Amend Senate Bill No. 718 as originally introduced:

Page 2 lines 12 through 19 delete in their entirety and substitute therefor:

"(3) (A) The General Improvement Fund shall only be used for the financing of appropriations or transfers authorized by the General Assembly in accordance with procedures set out by law.

(B) Projects approved to be financed by the authorized officials shall be determined in accordance with evaluation criteria.

(C) The criteria shall include the following :

(i) Lack of available alternate means of financing the project;

(ii) Project involvement in the health or safety of the users and the environment;

(iii) Federal, State or Local requirement for the project;

(iv) Project significantly improves the implementation of an important mission or program of the agency;

(v) Project preserves or improves the state's assets;

(vi) State-wide implications to the economy involved;

(vii) Beneficiaries of the project located throughout the state;

(viii) State agency requested the project or is included in the capital plan of the agency.

(D) Approved projects shall not include those projects which assist primarily local or private entities unless it is determined by a resolution by both houses of the Arkansas General Assembly that all necessary and appropriated state infrastructure needs of the various state agencies, facilities, institutions and programs have been provided for and that sufficient unobligated funds exist to proceed with other projects.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that funds are available to finance statewide capital projects and that local projects need to be financed only after statewide needs are met and that a process must be in place before the funds are distributed.. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace,



health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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

By: Senator Wooldridge

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Secretary