

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

SENATE BILL 587

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5 By: Senator Miller
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE STATE AID FUNDS AVAILABLE TO
10 COUNTIES FOR NATURAL DISASTERS OCCURRING AFTER
11 DECEMBER 1, 2002.
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Subtitle

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-72-314 is amended to read as follows:
22 27-72-314. Disaster counties.

23 (a)(1) It is the intent and purpose of this section to make available
24 moneys in the State Aid Road Fund to the credit of disaster counties to be
25 used to restore and repair county bridges or roads which are destroyed or
26 which have suffered extensive damage as a result of tornadoes, heavy
27 rainfall, ~~or~~ flooding conditions, or other natural disasters occurring after
28 December 1, 2002, and to provide, together with county funds, the necessary
29 matching moneys required to enable the disaster counties to obtain federal
30 disaster relief funds for such projects.

31 (2) Only counties designated by the appropriate federal or state
32 official as disaster counties for public assistance shall be authorized to
33 use moneys in the State Aid Road Fund under the matching provisions and for
34 the purposes set forth in this section.

35 (3) All other moneys deposited in the State Aid Road Fund shall
36 be used solely on the matching basis and for the purposes set forth in §§ 27-



1 72-301, 27-72-305, 27-72-312, 27-72-313, and 27-72-315.

2 (b)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 27-72-301, 27-72-305, 27-
 3 72-312, 27-72-313, and 27-72-315, a county that has been determined by the
 4 appropriate federal or state official as being a disaster county for public
 5 assistance due to the tornadoes, excessive rainfall, ~~and~~ flooding conditions,
 6 and other natural disasters occurring after December 1, 2002, shall be
 7 eligible to receive state aid road funds credited to the account of the
 8 disaster county on a ninety percent (90%) state aid road funds to not less
 9 than ten percent (10%) county matching fund basis.

10 (2) Funds distributed to a disaster county under the special
 11 matching provisions of this subsection shall be used solely for the
 12 restoration or repair of county bridges or roads destroyed or which suffered
 13 extensive damage as a result of tornadoes, heavy rainfall, ~~or~~ flooding
 14 conditions, or other natural disasters occurring after December 1, 2002,
 15 regardless of whether the roads or bridges are a part of the state aid system
 16 of county roads.

17 (c) In addition to the uses provided for in subsection (b) of this
 18 section, funds distributed to a disaster county under the matching provisions
 19 of this section may be used to provide the necessary matching funds required
 20 to match federal disaster relief funds available for the restoration or
 21 repair of county bridges or roads which are destroyed or extensively damaged
 22 as a result of tornadoes, heavy rainfall, ~~or~~ flooding conditions, or other
 23 natural disasters occurring after December 1, 2002, regardless of whether the
 24 roads or bridges are a part of the state aid system of county roads.

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 26 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 27 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that moneys available in the State
 28 Aid Road Fund are necessary for the restoration and repair of county bridges
 29 and roads which are destroyed or extensively damaged by natural disasters,
 30 including those occurring after December 1, 2002. Therefore, an emergency is
 31 declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the
 32 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
 33 on:

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

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

1 bill; or

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

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