

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
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 697

5 By: Senator Gullett
6 By: Representative Scroggin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO HELP FUND TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY FOR
11 COUNTIES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC
12 ACCESS AND TO HELP FUND LAND RECORDS
13 MODERNIZATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TECHNOLOGY FOR COUNTIES IN ORDER TO
17 IMPROVE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS AND TO
18 HELP FUND LAND RECORDS MODERNIZATION.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. (a) The General Assembly has determined that in order to
25 meet the directives of Arkansas Code § 15-21-501, cooperative methods between
26 state and local governments are necessary to improve electronic public access
27 to land records.

28 (b)(1) To provide for and maintain the public access to land records,
29 an annual fee in the amount of two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$2.75) is
30 levied on the owner of taxable real property in each county of this state.

31 (2) The fee shall be paid annually in every county where the
32 property owner pays real property taxes.

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

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

36 (d)(1) Each county shall create within the county treasury a County



1 Technology and Digital Mapping Fund.

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

6 (3) Expenditures for information technologies may include:

7 (A) Computer hardware and software;

8 (B) Internet connectivity; and

9 (C) Digital data acquisition and development including but
10 not limited to digital aerial photography, satellite imagery, and digital
11 monumentation and re-monumentation.

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

15 (e)(1) Sixty percent (60%) of the fees collected in each county shall
16 be deposited into the County Technology and Digital Mapping Fund.

17 (2) Forty percent (40%) of the amount collected shall be
18 transmitted by the county treasurer to the Treasurer of State for deposit
19 into the Geographic Information Systems Fund for the purpose of assisting in
20 land records modernization using current digital data standards, and for the
21 development and distribution of that data to the public.

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

25 (g) All land records data development shall be coordinated with the
26 Arkansas Geographic Information Office.

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