

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.

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

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

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

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



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

3           (3) In no event shall a real property owner be required to pay a  
4 fee in excess of seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) per year in each  
5 county in which the owner's property is located.

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

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

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

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

15           (3) Expenditures for information technologies may include:

16                   (A) Computer hardware and software;

17                   (B) Internet connectivity; and

18                   (C) Digital data acquisition and development including but  
19 not limited to digital aerial photography, satellite imagery, and digital  
20 monumentation and re-monumentation.

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

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

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

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

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

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*SECTION 2. This act shall expire on January 1, 2010.*

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