

Act 974 of the 1989 Regular Session.

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SB539

By: Joint Budget Committee

"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY COMMISSION FOR CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT FAIRS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) For grants to the various County Livestock Associations for constructing, repairing and improving facilities and for paying existing indebtedness incurred for such purposes, the sum of.....\$332,750.

(B) For grants to the various District Livestock Show Associations to be used for constructing, repairing and improving facilities and for paying existing indebtedness incurred for such purposes, the sum of..... \$200,000.

SECTION 2. PROCEDURES. As soon as it is feasible after the effective date of this Act, the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission shall notify the various district and county livestock show associations to file applications with the Commission for grant funds appropriated in Section 1, to make needed improvements at the various livestock shows. Each County Livestock Association shall receive a maximum of four thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$4,750). Provided, that any county having two county seats or two county livestock shows shall be considered a single county for the purposes of this Act and the funds allocated to any such county shall be divided equally between the two county livestock associations. Provided further, that any county having a county livestock show in a county seat other than the district of the county in which a district livestock show is located and which has heretofore received state aid, shall be considered a separate county. Each District Livestock Association shall be entitled to receive a maximum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000).

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS - EQUESTRIAN ARENA. There is hereby appropriated to the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) For construction, equipping, renovation and other costs incurred for an Equestrian Arena at the State Fair Grounds, the sum of..... \$200,000.

SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded or obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that the Institutions and Agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income, and/or funds available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the said State Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of said project or projects. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds otherwise provided by the

General Assembly for maintenance and general operation of the said Institutions and Agencies shall not be used for any of the purposes set out in this Act.

(B) The General Accounting Procedures Law, the State Purchasing Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, and other applicable fiscal laws of the State, or their successors, shall be strictly complied with, with respect to use of any funds provided by this Act.

SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 6. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1989 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1989 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1989.

APPROVED: March 27, 1989
