

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
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A Bill

Act 1623 of 2003
HOUSE BILL 1703

5 By: Representative Medley
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING
11 OFFICER FOR STATE ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY OF FORT
12 SMITH FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD SOUTHWEST
13 TIMES-RECORD BUILDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
17 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER -
18 CITY OF FORT SMITH - DEMOLITION OF THE
19 OLD SOUTHWEST TIMES-RECORD BUILDING
20 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - FORT SMITH - DEMOLITION OF THE OLD SOUTHWEST
27 TIMES-RECORD BUILDING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
28 Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the
29 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
30 following:

31 (A) For State assistance to the City of Fort Smith for costs associated
32 with the demolition and site preparation of the old Southwest Times-Record
33 Building, the sum of\$700,000.
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35 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
36 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects



1 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
 2 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
 3 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
 4 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
 5 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
 6 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
 7 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
 8 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
 9 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
 10 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

11 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
 12 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
 13 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
 14 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
 15 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
 16 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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 18 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
 19 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
 20 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
 21 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
 22 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
 23 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
 24 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
 25 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 27 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 28 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 29 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
 30 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of
 31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 32 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
 33 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the
 34 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
 35 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
 36 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and

1 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.

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