

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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As Engrossed: S2/12/03 S2/17/03

A Bill

Act 457 of 2003
SENATE BILL 146

5 By: Senator Glover
6 By: Representative L. Evans
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS
11 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR STATE
12 ASSISTANCE TO THE BAYOU METO IRRIGATION DISTRICT;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SOIL AND WATER
16 CONSERVATION COMMISSION - STATE
17 ASSISTANCE TO THE BAYOU METO IRRIGATION
18 DISTRICT GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
19 APPROPRIATION.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - BAYOU METO IRRIGATION DISTRICT . There is
26 hereby appropriated, to the *Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission*,
27 to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
28 accounts, the following:

29 (A) For *administrative costs associated with the Bayou Meto Irrigation*
30 *District*, the sum of\$400,000.
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32 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
33 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
34 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
35 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
36 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and



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

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

14 (C) *The General Assembly recognizes the serious groundwater depletion and*
15 *aquifer protection problems in the Bayou Meto Basin and the need to maintain*
16 *irrigated agriculture, provide flood relief, and protect and restore*
17 *waterfowl habitat. Funds appropriated herein are to be used for general*
18 *administrative purposes, coordination, and fulfilling the irrigation*
19 *district's responsibilities. Funds will not be released unless federal funds*
20 *are available through the Bayou Meto Basin Project.*

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

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31 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
32 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
33 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
34 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of
35 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
36 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective

1 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the
2 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
3 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
4 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
5 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.

6 /s/ Glover

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9 APPROVED: 3/18/2003
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