

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 54 of 2003
SENATE BILL 79

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL
10 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 RURAL SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL
16 SERVICES REAPPROPRIATION.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. There is hereby
22 appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the
23 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for the
24 Department of Rural Services, the following:

25 (A) Effective July 1, 2003, the balance of the appropriation provided in
26 Item (A) of Section 1 of Act 1317 of 2001, for matching grants to county
27 fairs for construction of new or replacement buildings, in a sum not to
28 exceed\$215,169.

29 (B) Effective July 1, 2003, the balance of the appropriation provided in
30 Item (A) of Section 1 of Act 352 of 2001, for the Fire Protection Program, in
31 a sum not to exceed\$93,643.
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33 SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - TRUST FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to
34 the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the Delta and Rural
35 Development Trust Fund, for the Department of Rural Services, the following:

36 (A) Effective July 1, 2003, the balance of the appropriation provided in



1 Item (A) of Section 2 of Act 108 of 2001, for the Delta/Rural Development
2 Project based upon criteria established by the Rural Development Commission,
3 the highest priority being given to counties with the highest percentage of
4 TEA recipients and counties with a high percentage of poverty, in a sum not
5 to exceed\$50,000,000.
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7 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
8 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
9 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
10 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
11 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
12 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
13 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
14 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
15 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
16 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
17 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
18 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

19 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
20 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
21 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
22 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
23 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
24 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.
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26 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
27 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
28 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
29 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
30 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
31 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
32 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
33 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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35 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
36 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

1 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that previous
2 General Assemblies have provided appropriations for the projects provided or
3 enumerated in this act; that certain appropriations will expire before the
4 adjournment of the General Assembly; and that if such appropriations expire,
5 the projects and programs authorized herein will cease thereby depriving the
6 citizens of the State of the benefits to be derived from such projects.
7 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
8 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
9 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its
10 passage and approval. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the
11 Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time
12 during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the
13 Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date
14 the last house overrides the veto.

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