

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.

Act 1500 of the Regular Session

As Engrossed: S3/19/07 S3/29/07

A Bill

1 State of Arkansas  
2 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007

SENATE BILL 473

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS  
10 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY  
11 COMMISSION - FOR COUNTY AND DISTRICT FAIRS; AND  
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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15 **Subtitle**

16 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE  
17 DEPARTMENT - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY  
18 COMMISSION - COUNTY AND DISTRICT FAIRS  
19 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - COUNTY AND DISTRICT FAIRS. There is hereby  
25 appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry  
26 Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor  
27 fund or fund accounts, the following:

28 (A) For construction and renovation of County and District Fairs, the sum  
29 of .....\$847,200.  
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31 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPERATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
33 PROCEDURES. As soon as it is feasible after the effective date of this Act,  
34 the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission shall  
35 notify the various district and county livestock show associations to file



1 applications with the Commission for grant funds appropriated in Section 1,  
2 to make needed improvements at the various livestock shows. Each County  
3 Livestock Association shall receive a maximum of seven thousand two hundred  
4 dollars (\$7,200). Provided, that any county having two county seats or two  
5 county livestock shows shall be considered a single county for the purposes  
6 of this Act and the funds allocated to any such county shall be divided  
7 equally between the two county livestock associations. Provided further,  
8 that any county having a county livestock show in a county seat other than  
9 the district of the county in which a district livestock show is located and  
10 which has heretofore received state aid, shall be considered a separate  
11 county. Each District Livestock Association and the 4 States Fair  
12 Association shall be entitled to receive a maximum of forty eight thousand  
13 dollars (\$48,000).  
14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007  
15 through June 30, 2009.

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17 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
18 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
19 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
20 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
21 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
22 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
23 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
24 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
25 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
26 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
27 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
28 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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36 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly

1 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
2 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
3 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
4 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
5 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
6 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
7 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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9 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
10 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
11 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
12 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of  
13 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
14 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
15 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the  
16 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
17 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
18 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
19 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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21 /s/ Joint Budget Committee

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23 APPROVED: 4/5/2007  
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