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A Bill

SENATE BILL 549

5 By: Senator Hester
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS
9 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
10 PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES
14 COMMISSION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
15 APPROPRIATION.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
22 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, to be
23 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
24 accounts, the following:

25 (A) for grants for construction, repairs, purchase of equipment, land
26 acquisition, fees, administrative costs, operating, improvements,
27 professional fees and services, and other related costs for water and waste
28 water projects, levee repair, rehabilitation and maintenance projects, flood
29 control and drainage projects, fire protection services, and irrigation
30 projects, in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.
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32 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

34 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the
35 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by
36 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.



1 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the
2 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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4 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
5 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
6 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
7 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
8 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
9 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
10 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
11 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
12 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
13 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
14 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
15 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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23 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
24 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
25 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
26 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
27 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
28 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
29 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
30 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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32 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
33 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
34 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
35 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
36 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

1 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
2 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
3 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
4 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
5 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
6 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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9 **APPROVED: 03/29/2015**
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