Act 473 HB1808

"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO ASSIST IN DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES OF HOSTING THE SOUTHERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE IN LITTLE ROCK IN 1987; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Interstate Cooperation Commission, to be payable from the Constitutional and Fiscal Agencies Fund, to assist in defraying the expenses of hosting the Southern Legislative Conference in Little Rock in 1987, the sum of\$100,000.

SECTION 2. The Commission on Interstate Cooperation is hereby authorized to designate an appropriate host committee consisting of members of the Arkansas General Assembly to do advance planning and to conduct a program of activities for attendees of the 1987 Annual Meeting of the Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments to be held in Arkansas. Upon authorization by the Chairman of the Commission on Interstate Cooperation, the disbursing officer of the Commission on Interstate Cooperation shall prepare a voucher and cause a warrant to be drawn in the amount as appropriated by this Act and shall remit such warrant to the appropriate officials of the Host Committee. Upon the receipt of such warrant, the designated officials of the the Host Committee shall deposit same in an account in a qualified financial institution which has been established solely for paying expenses of hosting the 1987 Southern Legislative Conference. Provided, that any funds remaining in such account after expenses for hosting the Southern Legislative Conference shall have been paid, shall be deposited by the Host Committee in the State Treasury to the credit of the Constitutional and Fiscal Agencies Fund or its successor.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly, that the State of Arkansas has been selected as the site of the 1987 Annual Meeting of the Southern Legislative conference of the Council of State Governments; that the hosting of such a gathering of influential citizens requires the cooperation of a variety of Arkansans and the sacrifice of the time and efforts of members of the General Assembly; that funds are required to meet certain obligations before conference registrations are collected and that without these funds, proper planning and acquiring of facilities cannot be accomplished. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

APPROVED: 3/30/87