

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2023  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1403

5 By: Representative Haak  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR WATER QUALITY  
9 BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR THE ILLINOIS RIVER  
10 WATERSHED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE -  
11 ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL  
12 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
16 - ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL  
18 YEAR.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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### SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - WATER QUALITY BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

24 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas  
25 Natural Resources Commission, to be payable from the Development and  
26 Enhancement Fund, for expenses associated with implementation of water  
27 quality best management practices to improve water quality in the Illinois  
28 River Watershed for the Department of Agriculture - Arkansas Natural  
29 Resources Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the sum  
30 of.....\$6,000,000.  
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### SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor

34 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
35 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
36 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and



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

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

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

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26 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
27 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
28 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
29 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of  
30 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
31 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
32 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm  
33 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
34 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
35 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
36 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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**APPROVED: 2/27/23**