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2 94th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 242

4
5 By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE SECRETARY OF
9 STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE CAPITAL
14 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is
21 hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the
22 Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

23 (A) for replacement of voting machine equipment - statewide, in a sum
24 not to exceed\$15,000,000.

25 (B) for HVAC upgrade to North End of State Capitol building, in a sum
26 not to exceed\$6,500,000.

27 (C) for roof and window repair of the State Capitol building, in a sum
28 not to exceed\$2,500,000.

29 (D) for asphalt resurfacing, replacement of damaged sidewalks and
30 curbs, addition of lighting to unlit or dark areas, an upgrade of the
31 irrigation system, and landscaping and plantings for the North Entry
32 Promenade I & II of the State Capitol Grounds, in a sum not to exceed
33\$538,112.

34 (E) for drains and storm water system renovations of the State Capitol
35 Grounds, in a sum not to exceed\$483,000.

36 (F) for interior plumbing and sump pump replacement for the State



1 Capitol building, in a sum not to exceed\$108,393.

2 (G) for electrical panel replacement in the State Capitol building, in
3 a sum not to exceed\$212,980.

4 (H) for expenses for State Capitol as-built drawings, in a sum not to
5 exceed\$250,000.

6 (I) for "Green" Initiatives for the State Capitol building, facilities
7 and grounds including ventilation system cleaning, energy efficiency
8 improvements and assessment, analysis and consulting services, recycling
9 programs and/or related construction, renovation and equipping of and/or
10 conversion to or purchase of Compressed Natural Gas vehicles and equipment
11 including installation of a refueling station, in a sum not to exceed
12\$1,500,000.

13 (J) for stone restoration, cleaning and repointing on the East Side of
14 the State Capitol building, in a sum not to exceed\$3,500,000.

15 (K) for Business and Commercial Services System Update, in a sum not to
16 exceed\$4,000,000.

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18 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
19 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
20 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
21 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
22 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
23 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
24 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
25 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
26 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
27 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
28 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
29 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. 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 from and after July 1, 2023.

APPROVED: 3/6/23