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Act 731 of the Regular Session

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1596

5 By: Representatives Baird, Alexander, D. Altes, C. Armstrong, E. Armstrong, Baine, Ballinger, Baltz,  
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9 Hickerson, Hillman, Hobbs, Hodges, Holcomb, Hopper, House, Hutchison, Jean, Jett, Julian, Kerr,  
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14 Word, Wren, Wright

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16 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

17 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
18 PARKS AND TOURISM FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER  
19 PURPOSES.  
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22 **Subtitle**

23 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND  
24 TOURISM - COMMUNITY GRANTS GENERAL  
25 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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30 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY GRANTS. There is hereby  
31 appropriated, to the Department of Parks and Tourism, to be payable from the  
32 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
33 following:

34 (A) for grants for construction, renovation, maintenance and purchase  
35 of equipment for parks and recreational facilities, in a sum not to exceed  
36 .....\$15,000,000.



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2 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE  
3 ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
4 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the  
5 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by  
6 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.  
7 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the  
8 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

9 No less than thirty (30) days prior to the distribution of any funds  
10 appropriated by this act, the director of the agency shall notify the Speaker  
11 of the House of Representatives of the name and address of each recipient and  
12 the amount that is being distributed to each recipient.

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

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

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33 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
34 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
35 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
36 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

1 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
2 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
3 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
4 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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6 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
7 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
8 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
9 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of  
10 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
11 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
12 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm  
13 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
14 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
15 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
16 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.  
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18 */s/Baird*  
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21 **APPROVED: 04/04/2013**  
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