

ARKANSAS SENATE
86th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2007
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1299

"TO INCREASE THE RECORDING FEES CHARGED BY COUNTY RECORDERS FOR
CERTAIN WRITTEN INSTRUMENTS."

Amendment No. 2 to House Bill No. 1299.

Amend House Bill No. 1299 as originally introduced:

Page 2, delete line 29 and substitute the following:

"direction of the recorder.

(3) Appropriated moneys shall be placed into line items within
the recorder's budget as approved by the quorum court."

AND

Page 3, delete line 3 and substitute the following:

"may be transferred to the county general fund.

(C) Any funds in excess of one million dollars
(\$1,000,000) held at any time in the county recorder's cost fund shall be
transferred to the county general fund.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-20-107 is amended to read as follows:
14-20-107. Appropriations for Association of Arkansas Counties.

(a)(1) The quorum courts of each county in this state may provide for the participation of their county in the services and activities of the Association of Arkansas Counties, a domestic corporation organized and existing under the provisions of the Arkansas Nonprofit Corporation Act, §§ 4-28-201 - 4-28-206 and 4-28-209 - ~~4-28-223~~ 4-28-224.

(2) If the quorum court of a county authorizes the participation of the county in this association, then the quorum court shall annually appropriate from county general funds an amount which shall be equal to one percent (1%) of the general revenues received by that county from the County Aid Fund in the State Treasury during the preceding fiscal year.

(3) Participation by each county in this association shall be optional with the quorum court of each of the respective counties as provided in this section.

(b)(1) The funds so received by the association shall be used exclusively by it to finance the object of its existence, namely, to aid in



the improvement of county government in the State of Arkansas.

(2) All funds so received by the association shall be subject to audit by the State of Arkansas, and this association shall make available to the auditors, at all reasonable times, all books, files, and records concerning such funds.

(c) Moneys appropriated by the court as the county's contribution to this association shall be paid to the association during the month of July for the fiscal year commencing on July 1 and ending on June 30 next following.

(d) This association is recognized as the official agency of the counties of this state to receive funds and use them for making a continuing study of ways and means to improve county government in Arkansas.

(e)(1) There is created on the books of the Association of Arkansas Counties a trust fund to be known as the "Automated Records Systems Fund".

(2)(A) The Automated Records Systems Fund shall be funded by counties in Class 6 and Class 7 in the State of Arkansas.

(B) The county recorder of the Class 6 and Class 7 counties shall remit one dollar (\$1.00) for each document recorded in the county recorder's office directly to the Automated Records Systems Fund on a monthly basis.

(3)(A) The Automated Records Systems Fund shall be administered by a committee comprised of the county recorders of the counties in Class 6 and Class 7 to be known as the "Automated Records Systems Fund Committee".

(B) The Automated Records Systems Fund Committee shall meet biannually to review grant applications made by county recorders in Class 1 through Class 5 solely for purposes directly related to office automation.

(C) The committee shall not disburse any moneys from the Automated Records Systems Fund to counties in Class 6 and Class 7.

(D) The committee shall expend substantially all of the money from the fund on an annual basis."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Steele

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Secretary