

State of Arkansas

76th General Assembly

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By: Representative Langster

HOUSE BILL

1265

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 45 OF 1953, AS AMENDED [ARK. STAT. 17-423], TO INCREASE THE ADDITIONAL FEE FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE WHICH MAY BE LEVIED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF ANY COUNTY; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH FEE BE DEPOSITED IN THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY HOSPITAL FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 45 of 1953, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statutes 17-423, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The Quorum Court of any County may levy, in addition to fees and tax now charged, a fee not to exceed five dollars (\$5.00) on each application for marriage license. Such a fee shall be collected by the County Clerk at the time application is made.

All fees collected under the provision of this Act shall be credited by the County Treasurer to the County General Fund and shall be appropriated by the Quorum Court as provided by law."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that due to the phasing out of revenue sharing by the federal government, many counties are faced with insufficient revenues to offer necessary services; that this Act will provide the county with an optional source of revenue by collection of the additional fee; that the immediate passage of this Act is necessary to insure that necessary services are not interrupted. 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 its passage and approval.

