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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1737

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 12-10-323(a) RELATING TO
10 THE AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES OF REVENUES OF THE 911 PUBLIC
11 SAFETY PROGRAM; TO ADD OTHER AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURES OF
12 REVENUES NECESSARY FOR SUPERVISORY, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND
13 OTHER EXPENSES NECESSARY FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF COUNTY-
14 WIDE 911 PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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17 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE
18 12-10-323(a) PERTAINING TO AUTHORIZED
19 EXPENDITURES OF REVENUES OF THE 911
20 PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM."

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

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 12-10-323(a) is amended by inserting the
25 additional subsection to read as follows:

26 "(a) Revenue generated as authorized in §§ 12-10-318 - 12-10-321 may be
27 expended only for the following purposes:

28 (1) The engineering, installation, and recurring costs necessary
29 to implement, operate, and maintain a 911 telephone system;

30 (2) The costs necessary for forwarding and transfer capabilities
31 of calls from the 911 public safety communication center to dispatch centers
32 or to other 911 public safety communication centers;

33 (3) Engineering, construction, lease or purchase costs to lease,
34 purchase, build, remodel, or refurbish a 911 public safety communication
35 center and for necessary emergency and uninterruptable power supplies for the
36 center;

1 (4) Personnel costs in the amount of seventy-five percent (75%) of
 2 the salary and benefits of each position charged with supervision and
 3 operation of the 911 public safety communication center and system;

4 (5) Purchase, lease, operation, and maintenance of consoles,
 5 telephone, and communications equipment owned or operated by the political
 6 subdivisions and physically located within and for the use of the 911 public
 7 safety communication center and radio or microwave towers and equipment with
 8 lines which terminate in the center; ~~and~~

9 (6) Purchase, lease, operation, and maintenance of computers, data
 10 processing equipment, associated equipment, and leased audio or data lines
 11 assigned to and operated by the 911 public safety communication center for the
 12 purposes of coordinating, forwarding of calls, dispatch, or recordkeeping of
 13 public safety and private safety agencies, for which the 911 public safety
 14 communication center is the public safety answering point and to provide
 15 information assistance to those agencies; and

16 (7) Supplies, equipment, vehicle and vehicle maintenance,
 17 maintenance and operating costs, and capital outlay deemed necessary by the
 18 Quorum Court of the particular county in determining the annual appropriation
 19 to the activity designated to provide the central administration, operation,
 20 and supervision of the 911 county-wide system."

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22 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
 23 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
 24 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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26 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
 27 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
 28 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
 29 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
 30 act are declared to be severable.

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32 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
 33 hereby repealed.

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35 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY: It is hereby found and determined by the General
 36 Assembly that Arkansas Code 12-10-323, based upon Act 683 of the 1985

1 Legislative Session, which established authorized expenditures of revenues
2 generated to specifically support the 911 Public Safety program does not take
3 into consideration the additional costs which are necessary for the operation
4 and updating of the system to specifically include the broad range of
5 supplies, other services and charges, and capital outlay. Further, the proper
6 functioning of the 911 Public Safety Program requires that authority be
7 extended to include all of the other remaining categories of expenditures as
8 authorized uses of the revenues entailed. Therefore, an emergency is declared
9 to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the
10 public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its
11 approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the
12 Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time
13 during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the
14 Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the
15 last house overrides the veto.

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