

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 81st General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1928

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5 *By: Joint Budget Committee*

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BUREAU OF
9 LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH AND THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
10 FOR THE JOINT ENERGY COMMITTEE FOR GRANTS TO ASSIST IN
11 CONSTRUCTION OF NATURAL GAS PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE
16 RESEARCH AND THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE
17 COUNCIL - JOINT ENERGY COMMITTEE CAPITAL
18 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION."

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

22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau
23 of Legislative Research and the Arkansas Legislative Council, to be payable
24 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts or
25 other sources of funds as may be made available by the General Asembly to the
26 Joint Energy Committee for grants to assist in the construction of natural gas
27 projects, the sum of.....\$15,000,000.

29 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. The Joint Energy Committee may establish
30 the rules and regulations for the distribution of funds appropriated in
31 Section 1 of this Act.

33 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the
34 Bureau of Legislative Research of the Arkansas Legislative Council shall be
35 the disbursing officer for the funds appropriated by this Act. All
36 expenditures from the appropriations provided by this Act shall be in

1 accordance with procedures established by the Legislative Council and in
2 accordance with appropriate law.

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4 SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
5 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
6 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
7 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
8 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
9 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
10 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
11 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
12 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
13 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
14 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
15 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this Act.

16 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
17 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
18 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this
19 State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
20 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
21 disbursement of any funds provided by this Act unless specifically provided
22 otherwise by law.

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24 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
25 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
26 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which
27 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
28 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
29 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
30 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
31 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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33 SECTION 6. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent
34 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
35 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 8. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Eighty-First General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1997 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 Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1997 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, 1997.

/s/JBC

