

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1999

A Bill

SENATE BILL 150

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5 By: Senator Scott
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO ALLOW IRRIGATION, DRAINAGE, WATERSHED,
10 REGIONAL WATER DISTRIBUTION, LEVEE AND CONSERVATION
11 DISTRICTS TO PARTICIPATE IN WATERSHED OR BASIN
12 STUDIES; PROVIDE FUNDS FOR SUCH STUDIES; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

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18 LEVEE AND CONSERVATION DISTRICTS TO
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 SECTION 1. Irrigation, drainage, watershed, regional water
26 distribution, levee and conservation districts may participate in watershed or
27 basin studies within their basin to assess: (1) water quantity or quality
28 issues within the basin, or (2) the impacts, feasibility, planning and design
29 of any proposed project within the watershed or basin which could impact the
30 districts' facilities and operation. The study may be conducted by one or
31 more districts, with or without the assistance of the state or federal
32 government.

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34 SECTION 2. A district may use any operation and maintenance funds or
35 other funds not otherwise pledged to assist with study costs.
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1 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
2 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
3 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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5 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
6 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
7 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
8 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
9 act are declared to be severable.

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11 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
12 hereby repealed.

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14 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
15 Eighty-second General Assembly that conjunctive use of water is necessary for
16 Arkansas' long term economic benefit; that districts must participate in any
17 long-term solution; that several studies would be delayed and could impact
18 development of water resource within the watershed. Therefore, an emergency
19 is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the
20 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on
21 the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor
22 vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the
23 period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is
24 vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective
25 on the date the last house overrides the veto.