

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 605

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5 By: Senators Fitch, Hoofman  
6 By: Representative Jacobs

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 27-70-207(a) TO PERMIT  
11 COUNTY AID FUNDS TO BE USED TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN  
12 SIDEWALKS AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT COUNTY COURTHOUSES,  
13 COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS, COUNTY HEALTH UNITS,  
14 COUNTY PARKS, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND ON OTHER PUBLICLY  
15 OWNED PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

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18 "TO PERMIT COUNTIES TO USE COUNTY AID  
19 FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN CERTAIN  
20 SIDEWALKS AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS."

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

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-70-207(a) is amended to read as follows:

26 "(a) All highway revenues transferred to the County Aid Fund under this  
27 subchapter shall be paid over by the State Treasurer to the treasurers of the  
28 respective counties of this state for credit to the county highway fund, there  
29 to be used for the maintenance, construction, and reconstruction of roads and  
30 bridges in the county highway system, provided, however, that no more than  
31 twenty percent (20%) of the revenues received by a county during any fiscal  
32 year may also be used for public transportation, and provided further, that a  
33 county may also use these funds to construct and maintain parking for county  
34 courthouses, county administration buildings, county health units and county  
35 parks, and provided further, that a county may also use these funds to  
36 construct and maintain sidewalks that serve county courthouses, county

1 administration buildings, county health units, county parks, public schools,  
 2 and other publicly owned property. Further, the funds may be used to install  
 3 and maintain traffic signals where needed to preserve public health, safety,  
 4 and welfare. The State Treasurer shall, on or before the tenth day next  
 5 following the last day of each calendar month, make distribution of the  
 6 revenues on the following basis:

7 (1) Thirty-one percent (31%) of the amount according to area,  
 8 with each county to receive the proportion that its area bears to the area of  
 9 the state;

10 (2) Seventeen and one-half percent (17.5%) of the amount  
 11 according to the amount of state motor vehicle license fees collected in the  
 12 calendar year next preceding any such distribution, as certified to the  
 13 Treasurer of State by the Director of the Department of Finance and  
 14 Administration, with each county to receive the proportion that the total of  
 15 fees collected from the county bears to the total of fees collected in the  
 16 state;

17 (3) Seventeen and one-half percent (17.5%) of the amount  
 18 according to population based upon the most recent federal decennial census,  
 19 with each county to receive the proportion that its population bears to the  
 20 population of the state;

21 (4) Thirteen and one-half percent (13.5%) of the amount according  
 22 to rural population based upon the most recent federal decennial census, with  
 23 each county to receive the proportion that its rural population bears to the  
 24 rural population of the state;

25 (5) Twenty and one-half percent (20.5%) of the amount shall be  
 26 divided equally among the seventy-five (75) counties."

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

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 32 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
 33 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
 34 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
 35 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
 36 act are declared to be severable.

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