

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2386

5 By: Representatives Medley, Agee, Mahony, Scrimshire
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROCESS REQUESTS FOR PAYMENTS SUBMITTED
10 TO STATE AGENCIES IN A TIMELY MANNER; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO PROCESS REQUESTS FOR PAYMENTS
14 SUBMITTED TO STATE AGENCIES IN A TIMELY
15 MANNER.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1 is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 25-1-112. Processing of requests for payments submitted to state
24 agencies.

25 (a) As used in this section, "State agency" means any department,
26 agency, board, commission, office, or other authority of the state.

27 (b) A state agency that receives a properly prepared request for
28 payment from a city or county owed payment for services or goods purchased by
29 the state agency, has five (5) working days to process the payment request,
30 excluding time required for transmittal from one (1) person to another, if
31 the request for payment conforms with the provisions of the contract award
32 and laws of the State of Arkansas.

33 (c)(1) If a state agency contests the payment, it shall notify the
34 city or county that submitted the request within the time specified for
35 processing payment, that the payment has been contested and the reasons for
36 the request being contested.



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(2) If a state agency fails to properly process uncontested requests for payments within the time limits specified, an assessment of eight percent (8%) per annum of the amount due for payment shall be assessed against the state agency for the delay.

(d)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish procedures for monitoring payments to cities and counties by state agencies.

(2) Assessments for failure to comply with the provisions of this section shall be paid to the city or county by the state agency in accordance with procedures established by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

/s/ Medley, et al