1   State of Arkansas   *As Engrossed: H3/19/03 H4/7/03*

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5   By: Representatives Medley, *Agee, Mahony, Scrimshire*

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8   **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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13   **Subtitle**

14   AN ACT TO PROCESS REQUESTS FOR PAYMENTS

15   SUBMITTED TO STATE AGENCIES IN A TIMELY

16   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 *twenty (20)* working days to process the payment

30   request, excluding time required for transmittal from one (1) person to

31   another, if the request for payment conforms with the provisions of the

32   contract *award, laws of the State of Arkansas, and funds are available.*

33   *(c)* If a state agency contests the payment, it shall notify the city

34   or county that submitted the request within the time specified for processing

35   payment, that the payment has been contested and the reasons for the request

36   being contested.

1   _(d) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish procedures_
2   _for monitoring payments to cities and counties by state agencies._
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4   _/s/ Medley, et al_
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