

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 1378

5 By: Representative Maloch  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING COUNTY CONTINUING EDUCATION  
10 FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

12 CONCERNING COUNTY CONTINUING EDUCATION  
13 FUNDS.  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-15-811 is amended to read as follows:  
20 14-15-811. Continuing education - Board and fund.

21 (a) There is created the County Treasurer's Continuing Education  
22 Board, which shall be composed of the following six (6) members:

23 (1) Four (4) members of the County Treasurer's Association,  
24 designated by the County Treasurer's Association;

25 (2) One (1) member designated by the Association of Arkansas  
26 Counties; and

27 (3) The Auditor of State or a person designated by the Auditor  
28 of State.

29 (b)(1) It shall be the responsibility of the County Treasurer's  
30 Continuing Education Board to establish a continuing education program for  
31 county treasurers of the various counties in the state. This program shall be  
32 designed to better equip persons elected to serve as county treasurers to  
33 carry out their official responsibilities in an effective and efficient  
34 manner. The program shall include requirements and procedures for an  
35 effective certification program for county treasurers.

36 (2) It shall also be the responsibility of the board to disburse



1 any funds made available to it from the County Treasurer's Continuing  
2 Education Fund to establish and maintain a continuing education program and a  
3 certification program for county treasurers.

4 (c)(1) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the  
5 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State the County  
6 Treasurer's Continuing Education Fund.

7 (2)(A) The quorum court of each county shall annually  
8 appropriate and pay into the fund in the State Treasury the sum of ~~four~~  
9 ~~hundred fifty dollars (\$450)~~ six hundred dollars (\$600) from fees of the  
10 office of county treasurer.

11 (B) If any quorum court shall fail or refuse to  
12 appropriate and pay over the funds to the County Treasurer's Continuing  
13 Education Fund in the State Treasury, the Treasurer of State shall withhold  
14 funds from the county aid due to the county and shall credit the funds to the  
15 County Treasurer's Continuing Education Fund.

16 (d) The funds in the County Treasurer's Continuing Education Fund  
17 shall be used exclusively for the establishment and operation of a continuing  
18 education program for county treasurers and for paying the meals, lodging,  
19 registration fees, and mileage at the rate prescribed in state travel  
20 regulations of county treasurers who attend the continuing education program.  
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22 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-15-1001 is amended to read as follows:  
23 14-15-1001. Continuing education - Board and fund.

24 (a) There is hereby created the County Collector's Continuing  
25 Education Board, which shall be composed of the following six (6) members:

26 (1) Four (4) members of the County Collector's Association,  
27 designated by the County Collector's Association;

28 (2) One (1) member designated by the Association of Arkansas  
29 Counties; and

30 (3) The Auditor of State or a person designated by the Auditor  
31 of State.

32 (b)(1) It shall be the responsibility of the County Collector's  
33 Continuing Education Board to establish a continuing education program for  
34 county collectors and sheriff/collectors of the various counties in the  
35 state. This program shall be designed to better equip persons elected to  
36 serve as county collectors and as sheriff/collectors to carry out their

1 official responsibilities in an effective and efficient manner. The program  
2 shall include requirements and procedures for an effective certification  
3 program for county collectors.

4 (2) It shall also be the responsibility of the board to disburse  
5 any funds made available to it from the County Collector's Continuing  
6 Education Trust Fund to establish and maintain a continuing education program  
7 and a certification program for county collectors.

8 (c)(1)(A) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the  
9 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State the County  
10 Collector's Continuing Education Trust Fund.

11 (B) The quorum court of each county shall annually  
12 appropriate and pay into the fund in the State Treasury the sum of ~~four~~  
13 ~~hundred fifty dollars (\$450)~~ six hundred dollars (\$600) from fees of the  
14 office of county collector.

15 (C) If any quorum court shall fail or refuse to  
16 appropriate and pay over the funds to the County Collector's Continuing  
17 Education Trust Fund in the State Treasury, the Treasurer of State shall  
18 withhold funds from the county aid due to the county and shall credit the  
19 funds to the County Collector's Continuing Education Trust Fund.

20 (2) The trust fund shall consist of all moneys required to be  
21 paid in annually as set out herein, all interest earned from the investment  
22 of fund balances, and any remaining fund balances carried forward from year  
23 to year.

24 (d) The funds in the County Collector's Continuing Education Trust  
25 Fund shall be used exclusively for the establishment and operation of a  
26 continuing education program for county collectors and sheriff/collectors and  
27 for paying the meals, lodging, registration fees, and mileage at the rate  
28 prescribed in state travel regulations of county collectors and  
29 sheriff/collectors who attend the continuing education programs.

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31 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 26-60-112 is amended to read as follows:  
32 26-60-112. Disposition of funds collected.

33 (a) The revenues from the additional tax levied by § 26-60-105(b)  
34 shall be deemed special revenues and shall be deposited and distributed  
35 according to § 15-12-103.

36 (b) The revenues derived from the tax levied by § 26-60-105(a) shall

1 be deposited by the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration  
2 in the State Treasury, and the Treasurer of State shall, after deducting  
3 three percent (3%) of the revenues for distribution to the Constitutional  
4 Officers Fund and the State Central Services Fund to be used for the purposes  
5 as provided by law, distribute the net amount of the revenues as follows:

6 (1) Ten percent (10%) of the remainder shall be distributed as  
7 special revenues, as follows:

8 (A) The first ~~sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)~~ ninety  
9 thousand dollars (\$90,000) of the remainder during each fiscal year shall be  
10 *credited to the County and Circuit Clerks Continuing Education Fund, which is*  
11 *established in the State Treasury, to be used for defraying the expenses of*  
12 *training seminars and other educational projects benefiting county and*  
13 *circuit clerks in this state, as provided by appropriations enacted by the*  
14 *General Assembly; ~~and~~ and shall be used as follows:*

15 (i)(a) Forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for  
16 county clerks continuing education.

17 (b) Any unexpended balances of moneys  
18 designated for county clerks continuing education shall be retained  
19 exclusively for the purpose of county clerks continuing education; and

20 (ii)(a) Forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for  
21 circuit clerks continuing education.

22 (b) Any unexpended balances of moneys  
23 designated for circuit clerks continuing education shall be retained  
24 exclusively for the purpose of circuit clerks continuing education; and

25 (B) The remainder of the ten percent (10%) of the  
26 remainder available for distribution during each fiscal year shall be  
27 credited as special revenues to the County Aid Fund, to be distributed in the  
28 manner provided by law to the circuit clerk in the county in which the  
29 property upon which the tax is paid is situated, to be paid over by the  
30 circuit clerk to the county general fund;

31 (2) Ninety percent (90%) of the remainder of the revenues shall  
32 be distributed as follows:

33 (A) The entire amount collected during each fiscal year  
34 until there has been collected an amount of such tax equaling the amount of  
35 tax collected under this chapter during fiscal year 1982-1983 shall be  
36 credited as general revenues to be allocated to the various funds

1 participating in the distribution of general revenues in the amount of each  
2 such fund as provided by and to be used for the respective purposes set forth  
3 in the Revenue Stabilization Law, § 19-5-101 et seq.; and

4 (B)(i) After making the distribution of the revenues as  
5 provided in subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section, the remainder available  
6 each fiscal year shall be credited as special revenues to the Administration  
7 of Justice Fund to be used for supplementing moneys in the Administration of  
8 Justice Fund for court reporter salaries and expenses in the event that the  
9 moneys available in the Court Reporters Fund are inadequate during any fiscal  
10 year to make the necessary payments for salary and related expenses of the  
11 various court reporters of the state.

12 (ii) Any amount received over and above this amount  
13 shall be credited as special revenues to the County Aid Fund.

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