

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1917

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS
10 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION FOR CAPITAL
11 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS NATURAL
16 RESOURCES COMMISSION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT
17 APPROPRIATION.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT. There is hereby
23 appropriated, to the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, to be payable
24 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
25 following:

26 (A) For various water, waste management and river waterway Funds, the sum
27 of\$8,000,000.
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29 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the
30 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, to be payable from the federal funds
31 as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the following:

32 (A) For the Water Development Fund to provide financial assistance to
33 communities allowing them to provide safe, affordable water to their citizens
34 and commercial users, the sum of\$35,000,000.

35 (B) For the Water, Sewer, and Solid Waste Management Fund to provide
36 financial assistance to communities to fund safe, affordable water, sewage,



1 and solid waste disposal, the sum of\$41,000,000.

2 (C) For the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to provide funding for
3 various projects, the sum of\$27,000,000.

4 (D) For the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to provide funding for
5 various water projects, the sum of\$25,000,000.

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7 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the
8 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, to be payable from the cash fund
9 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
10 the State, the following:

11 (A) For the Water Development Fund to provide financial assistance to
12 communities allowing them to provide safe, affordable water to their citizens
13 and commercial users, the sum of\$4,000,000.

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15 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS - BOND PROCEEDS. There is hereby appropriated,
16 to the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, to be payable from the Bond
17 Proceeds, the following:

18 (A) For the Water Resources Cost Share Revolving Fund to provide funding
19 to the state and its political subdivisions to finance the non-federal share
20 of their obligations in regard to a water resources development project, the
21 sum of\$888,000,000.

22 (B) For the Ouachita River Waterways Trust Fund to provide funding for
23 river based recreation projects, the sum of\$2,000,000.

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25 SECTION 5. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
26 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
27 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
28 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
29 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
30 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
31 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
32 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
33 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
34 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
35 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
36 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

1 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
2 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
3 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
4 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
5 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
6 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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8 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
9 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
10 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
11 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
12 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
13 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
14 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
15 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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17 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
18 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
19 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
20 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of
21 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
22 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
23 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the
24 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
25 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
26 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
27 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.