

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
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2142

5 By: Representative Bond
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING
11 OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK TO PROVIDE
12 FOR LAND ACQUISITION, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS,
13 DEVELOPMENT AND ASSOCIATED COSTS OF THE ARKANSAS
14 RIVER TRAIL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
19 AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER
20 - ARKANSAS RIVER TRAIL GENERAL
21 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - ARKANSAS RIVER TRAIL. There is hereby
27 appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing
28 Officer, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor
29 fund or fund accounts, the following:

30 (A) For the City of Little Rock to provide for land acquisition, capital
31 improvements, development and associated costs of the Arkansas River Trail,
32 the sum of\$1,000,000.
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34 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
35 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
36 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available



1 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
 2 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
 3 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
 4 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
 5 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
 6 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
 7 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
 8 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
 9 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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 17 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
 18 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
 19 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
 20 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
 21 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
 22 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
 23 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
 24 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption. It is also
 25 the intent of the Legislature for this appropriation to comply with the
 26 Supreme Court ruling in Wilson v. Weiss, and in that regard it is found that
 27 the Arkansas River Trail is a 14-mile loop along both sides of the River with
 28 a 10-mile extension to Pinnacle Mountain State Park where it will connect to
 29 the 225-mile Ouachita Trail. The facility connects 24 key tourism
 30 destinations along the River. Eleven federal, state, county, and municipal
 31 parks, with over 5000 acres of preserve, are linked by the trail. Because of
 32 the Arkansas River Trail, and its innovations, it is anticipated that in 2008
 33 the trail will bring between \$1 and \$2 million dollars in tourism revenue to
 34 Central Arkansas alone.

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 36 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General

1 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
2 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
3 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of
4 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
5 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
6 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the
7 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
8 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
9 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
10 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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