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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1324

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

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

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

25 (A) for a transfer to the Water Development Fund for loans-grants to
26 communities for water services, in a sum not to exceed.....\$4,000,000.

27 (B) for a transfer to the Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Fund for loans-
28 grants to local communities to fund safe, affordable water, sewage and solid
29 waste disposal for their citizens and commercial users, in a sum not to
30 exceed.....\$4,000,000.

31 (C) for a transfer to the Water Resources Cost Share Revolving Fund to
32 provide funding to the state and its political subdivisions to finance the
33 non-federal share of their obligations in regard to a water resources
34 development project, in a sum not to exceed.....\$100,000,000.

35 (D) for a transfer to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the
36 Environmental Protection Agency Drinking Water Program, in a sum not to



1 exceed.....\$5,000,000.

2 (E) for a transfer to the Construction Assistance Revolving Loan Fund
3 for the Environmental Protection Agency Program for sewer projects, in a sum
4 not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

5 (F) for a transfer to the Ouachita River Waterway Trust Fund for grants
6 for projects approved through the Ouachita River Commission for river based
7 recreation projects in the Ouachita River area, in a sum not to exceed
8\$500,000.

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10 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
11 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
12 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
13 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
14 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
15 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
16 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
17 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
18 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
19 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
20 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
21 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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29 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
30 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
31 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
32 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
33 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
34 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
35 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
36 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.