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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 554

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE COLLECTION,  
9 DEPOSIT, AND USE OF GAS ASSESSMENT FEES; TO DESIGNATE  
10 CERTAIN GAS ASSESSMENT FEES AS GENERAL REVENUE; TO  
11 DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 ASSESSMENT FEES; TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN GAS  
18 ASSESSMENT FEES AS GENERAL REVENUE; AND  
19 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-71-107(b)(2)(B), concerning assessments  
25 on oil and gas production, is amended to read as follows:

26 (B) All moneys ~~so~~ collected under subdivision (b)(2)(A)(i)  
27 of this section shall be used ~~solely~~ as follows:

28 (i) The first four and one-half (4  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) mills of each  
29 gas assessment levied each fiscal year shall be deposited as general  
30 revenues; and

31 (ii) The remainder shall be used to pay the expenses  
32 and other costs in connection with the administration of this law.  
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-71-109(a), concerning the Oil and Gas  
35 Commission Fund, is amended to read as follows:

36 (a) All moneys collected under ~~the provisions of~~ this act, except the



1 first four and one-half (4 ½) mills on gas assessments levied each fiscal  
2 year under § 15-71-107(b)(2)(A)(i), when paid to the Treasurer of State,  
3 shall be deposited to the credit of the Oil and Gas Commission Fund.  
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5 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 19-6-201, concerning the enumeration of  
6 general revenues, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as  
7 follows:

8 (71) The first four and one-half (4 ½) mills on gas assessments  
9 levied each fiscal year under § 15-71-107(b)(2)(A)(i).  
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11 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 19-6-301(62), concerning the enumeration of  
12 special revenues, is amended to read as follows:

13 (62) Oil and Gas Commission fees, including oil assessments, and  
14 gas assessments in excess of four and one-half (4 ½) mills each fiscal year  
15 under § 15-71-107(b)(2)(A)(i), drilling permits, permits for plugging wells,  
16 and permits for each salt water well, all as enacted by Acts 1939, No. 105,  
17 and all laws amendatory thereto, §§ 15-71-101 – 15-71-112, 15-72-101 – 15-72-  
18 110, 15-72-205, 15-72-212, 15-72-216, 15-72-301 – 15-72-324, and 15-72-401 –  
19 15-72-407, and the portion of taxes levied on salt water used in bromine  
20 production, as enacted by Acts 1947, No. 136, and all laws amendatory  
21 thereto, § 26-58-111(9);  
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23 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
24 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the activities funded by  
25 general revenue are necessary for the preservation of the public peace,  
26 health, and safety; that increased general revenue funding is essential to  
27 the performance of these activities; and that without that increased funding,  
28 these activities may be compromised. Therefore, an emergency is declared to  
29 exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace,  
30 health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2015.  
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