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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1537

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 PARKS, HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS AND
10 TOURISM DIVISIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
15 HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS AND
16 TOURISM DIVISIONS DEVELOPMENT AND
17 ENHANCEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - CAPITAL PROJECTS. There is hereby
24 appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks
25 and Tourism Divisions, to be payable from the Development and Enhancement
26 Fund, the following:

27 (A) for the Delta Heritage Trail State Park - Phase VIII Trail
28 Development Mellwood to Snow Lake section, in a sum not to exceed
29\$5,222,675.
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31 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
32 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
33 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
34 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
35 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
36 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or



1 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
2 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
3 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
4 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
5 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
6 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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24 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
25 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
26 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
27 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2021 is essential to the operation of
28 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
29 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
30 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2021 could work irreparable harm
31 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
32 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
33 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
34 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2021.