For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO CREATE THE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS FUND.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Establishment of Trust Fund.
(a) There is hereby established on the books of the Treasurer of State, Auditor of State, and Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a trust fund to be known as the Geographic Information Systems Fund.
(b) The Fund shall consist of:
(1) Funds approved by the General Assembly;
(2) Grants, gifts, and donations received by the state for the purposes of this act;
(3) Agency investments toward enterprise GIS projects;
(4) Federal funds; and
(5) Any other funds allowable by law.
(c) This fund shall be used to:
(1) Carry out the duties, responsibilities, and authority of the Arkansas State Land Information Board as described by Arkansas Code 15-21-504;
(2) Create, operate, and maintain GeoStor, the Arkansas Spatial Data Infrastructure; and
(3) Create, update, maintain, and disseminate framework spatial
data as defined by Arkansas Code 15-21-502.


(a) The Executive CIO shall manage the fund, and the Governor shall oversee the expenditures from the fund. The State Land Information Board shall establish standards and methodologies for evaluating the funding of enterprise-level GIS projects.

(b) The Executive CIO, with advice from the State Land Information Board, shall evaluate, prioritize, and approve proposals for GIS projects. Such proposals and requests for funding shall demonstrate any or all of the following:

(1) Improvement in the quality of life for Arkansans;
(2) Elimination of redundant systems;
(3) Improved service for Arkansas citizens;
(4) Enhanced economic development opportunities in Arkansas;
(5) Implementation of electronic government twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week;
(6) Substantial benefit to more than one agency through lower operating costs; and
(7) Continued development of the Arkansas Spatial Data Infrastructure.

/s/ Gullett

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