

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.

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As Engrossed: S3/27/03

A Bill

SENATE BILL 697

5 By: Senator Gullett
6 By: Representative Scroggin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO HELP FUND TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY FOR
11 COUNTIES IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC
12 ACCESS AND TO HELP FUND LAND RECORDS
13 MODERNIZATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TECHNOLOGY FOR COUNTIES IN ORDER TO
17 IMPROVE ELECTRONIC PUBLIC ACCESS AND TO
18 HELP FUND LAND RECORDS MODERNIZATION.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. (a)(1) For purposes of this section, "parcel" means all
25 contiguous land capable of being conveyed on a single deed, except when the
26 land crosses a taxing unit or section lines.

27 (2) However, an "improvement only" is considered a separate
28 parcel from the land.

29 (b) The General Assembly has determined that in order to meet the
30 directives of Arkansas Code § 15-21-501, cooperative methods between state
31 and local governments are necessary to improve electronic public access to
32 land records.

33 (c)(1) To provide for and maintain the public access to land records,
34 an annual fee in the amount of one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per
35 parcel is levied on the owner of taxable real property in each county of this
36 state.



1 (2) The fee shall be paid annually in every county where the
2 property owner pays real property taxes, but in no event shall the fee exceed
3 seventeen dollars and fifty cents (\$17.50) per owner per year in any county.

4 (3) The fee shall be paid to the county tax collector by the
5 property owner at the time of paying property taxes.

6 (d) Collection of the fee shall begin on January 1, 2004.

7 (e)(1) Each county shall create within the county treasury a County
8 Technology and Digital Mapping Fund.

9 (2) The county treasurer shall disburse the monies in the fund
10 for the purpose of acquiring information technology, information technology
11 services, information technology personnel, and information technology
12 training.

13 (3) Expenditures for information technologies may include:

14 (A) Computer hardware and software;

15 (B) Internet connectivity; and

16 (C) Digital data acquisition and development including but
17 not limited to digital aerial photography, satellite imagery, and digital
18 monumentation and re-monumentation.

19 (4) The information technologies shall be consistent with
20 Arkansas State Land Information Board standards and the State of Arkansas
21 Shared Technical Architecture.

22 (f)(1) Fifty-seven percent (57%) of the fees collected in each county
23 shall be deposited into the County Technology and Digital Mapping Fund.

24 (2) Forty-three percent (43%) of the amount collected shall be
25 transmitted by the county treasurer to the Treasurer of State for deposit
26 into the Geographic Information Systems Fund for the purpose of assisting in
27 land records modernization using current digital data standards, and for the
28 development and distribution of that data to the public.

29 (g) The Arkansas State Land Information Board shall establish policies
30 to monitor technology progress, and provide for accountability, in the use of
31 the funds collected under this section.

32 (h) All land records data development shall be coordinated with the
33 Arkansas Geographic Information Office.

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35 /s/ Gullett
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