State of Arkansas
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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCE GEOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION SYSTEM DATA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION - NATURAL
RESOURCE DIGITAL DATA CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - SOILS DIGITAL DATA - SOIL PHYSICS LABORATORY.
There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation
Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor
fund or fund accounts, the following:
(A) For Soil Physics - Soils Digital Data, the sum of ..........$300,000.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS - CENTER FOR ADVANCED SPATIAL TECHNOLOGIES
(CAST). There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Soil and Water
Conservation Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or
its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:
(A) For CAST Update - Land Use/Land Cover Data, the sum of .....$300,000.
SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS - ARKANSAS WATER RESOURCE CENTER (AWRC). There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) For AWRC - Watershed Projects, the sum of ..................$225,000.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. USE OF FUNDS. Data that may be developed includes county digital soils data, salt water contamination data, non-point pollution data, updates of land use and land cover maps and compilation of watershed specific data sets.

SECTION 5. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 7. 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 two (2) year period; that the
effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 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 Regular Session, the delay in the effective
date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 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, 2003.

APPROVED:  2/17/2003