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By: Senator Teague

For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO ENHANCE STATEWIDE PARCEL MAPPING; TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION OFFICE TO CREATE A PROGRAM TO ASSIST COUNTIES WITH STATEWIDE PARCEL MAPPING; TO CREATE A FUNDING MECHANISM FOR A STATEWIDE MAPPING GRANT PROGRAM; TO DECLARE AND EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A STATEWIDE PARCEL MAPPING GRANT PROGRAM AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 15-21-504 is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(m)(1)(A) The Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Board may administer a Statewide Parcel Mapping Grant Program at the direction of the Arkansas Geographic Information Office.

(B) The office shall develop and implement a program to provide funding support to counties to assist in the completion of statewide parcel mapping.

(2) The program shall be supported by funds and appropriations provided by the General Assembly and the counties.

(A) Counties in the state are eligible to apply for a grant under the program to:

(i) Initiate parcel map automation;

(ii)
(ii) Accelerate the completion of parcel map automation; or

(iii) Support parcel map improvements.

(B) Grants under the program shall be funded as follows:

(i) State funding equaling up to sixty percent (60%) of the cost of the approved projects; and

(ii) The balance of the cost from required matching funds from the county.

(C) At least forty percent (40%) of the cost of any parcel mapping project shall come from the counties participating in a project awarded under the program.

(D)(i) The matching funds may be provided by counties, affected school districts, and affected cities.

(ii) The matching funds shall be deposited by the office into the Geographic Information System Fund.

(3) The office may promulgate rules necessary to administer the program.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that providing funding support to counties for parcel automation enhances Arkansas’s future economic development, ability to respond to disaster events, and improves efficiency and equity in property tax assessment, revaluation, and revenue collection. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2011.

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