

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: S2/13/17 S2/21/17*

2 91st General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2017

SENATE BILL 297

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5 By: Senators Hester, Rapert

6 By: Representative M. Gray

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE COUNTY VOTING
10 MACHINE GRANT FUND FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE WHICH
11 SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS
12 APPROPRIATED BY ACT 261 OF 2016; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE -
19 COUNTY VOTING SYSTEM GRANT FUND
20 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.

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

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SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY VOTING SYSTEM GRANT FUND. There is
25 hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the County
26 Voting System Grant Fund, for professional fees and services for upgrading or
27 purchasing county voting systems, grants and aid for voting system equipment,
28 programming, maintenance or equipment and devices used to view voter
29 registration records at a polling location and refund/reimbursements of fees
30 which shall be supplemental and in addition to those funds appropriated in
31 Section 11 of Act 261 of 2016, the following:

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33 ITEM

FISCAL YEAR

34 NO.

2016-2017

35 (01) COUNTY VOTING SYSTEM GRANTS

\$34,500,000

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1 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
3 TRANSFER. ~~Once the requirement of Arkansas Code 23-61-710 (c) regarding the~~
4 ~~Insurance Department retaining an amount equal to one (1) fiscal year budget~~
5 ~~are met, Immediately~~ upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal
6 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
7 State Treasurer and the Auditor of State the sum of eighteen million five
8 hundred thousand dollars (\$18,500,000) ~~or so much as is available~~ from the
9 State Insurance Department Trust Fund to the County Voting System Grant Fund
10 to provide funds for professional fees and services for upgrading or
11 purchasing county voting systems, grants and aid for voting system equipment,
12 programming, maintenance or equipment and devices used to view voter
13 registration records at a polling location and refund/reimbursements of fees.
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15 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
16 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
17 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
18 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
19 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
20 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
21 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
22 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
23 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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25 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
26 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
27 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
28 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
29 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
30 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
31 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
32 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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34 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
35 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the requirement to purchase an
36 integrated statewide election system is critical to ensure safe and secure

1 elections for the citizens of Arkansas; it is imperative to replace all
2 existing election equipment in the State in time for the election primary of
3 2018; and that a delay in the effective date of this Act could work
4 irreparable harm upon the ability of the Secretary of State to provide a
5 statewide integrated election system by the election primary of 2018.
6 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
7 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
8 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its
9 passage and approval.

10 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
11 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
12 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
13 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
14 overrides the veto.

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