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A Bill

SENATE BILL 311

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ENHANCE STATEWIDE PARCEL MAPPING; TO
9 AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION OFFICE
10 TO CREATE A PROGRAM TO ASSIST COUNTIES WITH STATEWIDE
11 PARCEL MAPPING; TO CREATE A FUNDING MECHANISM FOR A
12 STATEWIDE MAPPING GRANT PROGRAM; TO DECLARE AND
13 EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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16 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A STATEWIDE PARCEL
17 MAPPING GRANT PROGRAM AND TO DECLARE AN
18 EMERGENCY.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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

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

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

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

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

36 (i) Initiate parcel map automation;



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

3 (iii) Support parcel map improvements.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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