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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1368

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AID ROADS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CONTRACTS FOR WORK TO BE PERFORMED ON STATE AID ROADS; TO AMEND THE AGGREGATE COST MAXIMUM FOR CONTRACTS FOR WORK TO BE PERFORMED ON STATE AID ROADS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CONTRACTS FOR WORK TO BE PERFORMED ON STATE AID ROADS; AND TO AMEND THE AGGREGATE COST MAXIMUM FOR CONTRACTS FOR WORK TO BE PERFORMED ON STATE AID ROADS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-72-302(b), concerning the establishment of a system of state aid roads in each county of the state, is amended to read as follows:

(b) There is set up for designation by cooperative action of the state and counties a state aid system of roads, as classified and defined in this subchapter, which system shall be designated by the several county judges of their respective counties with the consent and approval of the state aid engineer and the State Highway Commission to a total mileage not in excess of ~~fifteen thousand (15,000)~~ twenty thousand (20,000) miles, ~~including any municipal streets,~~ and initially established at five thousand (5,000) miles, which five thousand (5,000) miles shall include all county roads on the



federal-aid secondary road system. The system will periodically be expanded in one thousand-mile increments after the initial five thousand-mile system has been established.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-72-310(b), concerning contracts for work to be performed on state aid roads, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The county judge of any county is authorized to submit bids for work to be performed on state aid roads under the provisions of this subchapter, and nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit or restrict the right of a county judge to submit bids for work to be performed by county forces so long as the bids are in accordance with procedures prescribed in § 27-67-206, and the aggregate cost thereof does not exceed ~~two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000)~~ five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-72-312(b) and (c), concerning the use of the State Aid Road Fund, are amended to read as follows:

(b) ~~Not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of a A~~ county's allotment from the fund ~~shall~~ may be used for the purposes of resealing, micro surfacing, and other methods of pavement preservation.

(c) ~~No~~ Other than funds spent on pavement preservation projects under subsection (b) of this section, funds shall not be spent ~~hereunder~~ on any a project ~~which shall~~ that does not culminate directly in a paved hard-surfaced road.

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