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A Bill

SENATE BILL 901

By: Senator Hester

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE FEES, COMPENSATION, AND ROYALTIES
RECEIVED FROM SUBMERGED LANDS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REGULATE FEES, COMPENSATION, AND
ROYALTIES RECEIVED FROM SUBMERGED LANDS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 22-5-809(c), concerning fees, compensation, and royalties received from state lands, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) Except for application and bid fees, all funds received by the Commissioner of State Lands as fees, compensation, or royalties;

(A) for For leases or permits issued for the taking of ~~any~~ sand, gravel, minerals, or timber for lands owned or held in the name of a state agency shall be special revenues and shall be deposited into the State Treasury and credited to the fund or account from which the agency receives its support and for lands owned or held in the name of a state institution of higher education shall be deposited into the State Treasury and transferred by warrant to the institution of higher education for deposit into the institution's cash fund account established outside the State Treasury;

~~(2)(B) Except for application and bid fees, all funds received by the Commissioner of State Lands for~~ For leases or permits issued for the taking of ~~any~~ sand, gravel, minerals, or timber from all other state-owned lands shall be deposited into the State Treasury as general revenues; and



(C) For leases or permits issued for the taking of sand, gravel, minerals, timber, or logs from the beds or bars of navigable waterways shall be deposited as cash funds for personal services and operating expenses of the office of the Commissioner of State Lands.

~~(3)~~(2)(A) Except for application and bid fees derived from the removal of logs, all funds received by the Commissioner of State Lands for leases or permits issued for the taking of logs from lands owned or held in the name of the state shall be deposited as cash funds ~~into the state treasury~~ for the State Land Department.

(B) The Commissioner of State Lands shall distribute cash revenues deposited into ~~the state treasury~~ a cash fund for the State Land Department to counties from which logs were removed in accordance with the value of the logs as determined by the Commissioner of State Lands.

~~(4)~~(3) All funds received by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission as fees, compensation, or royalties, including ~~any~~ application or bid fees, for leases or permits issued for the taking of ~~any~~ minerals for lands held in the name of the commission shall be special revenues and shall be deposited into the State Treasury and credited to the Game Protection Fund for the use of the commission.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY.

Applicability. Section 1 of this act applies to funds received under:

(1) Leases or permits existing on the effective date of this act; and

(2) Leases or permits issued on or after the effective date of this act.