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A Bill

SENATE BILL 297

By: Senators Hester, Rapert
By: Representative M. Gray

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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

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

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

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) COUNTY VOTING SYSTEM GRANTS	<u>\$34,500,000</u>



SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER. ~~Once the requirement of Arkansas Code 23-61-710 (c) regarding the Insurance Department retaining an amount equal to one (1) fiscal year budget are met,~~ Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of State the sum of eighteen million five hundred thousand dollars (\$18,500,000) or so much as is available from the State Insurance Department Trust Fund to the County Voting System Grant Fund to provide funds for professional fees and services for upgrading or purchasing county voting systems, grants and aid for voting system equipment, programming, maintenance or equipment and devices used to view voter registration records at a polling location and refund/reimbursements of fees.

SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the requirement to purchase an integrated statewide election system is critical to ensure safe and secure

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

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

/s/Hester