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2 95th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1544

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE TURNBACK
10 FOR COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES BY THE OFFICE OF THE
11 TREASURER OF STATE WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN
12 ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY ACT 140 OF
13 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE
17 TURNBACK FOR COUNTIES AND *MUNICIPALITIES*
18 BY THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE
19 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - REAL PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION - COUNTIES.

26 There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Treasurer of State, to be
27 payable from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund, for distributing funds
28 provided by a statewide property tax reduction to counties by the Office of
29 the Treasurer of State which shall be supplemental and in addition to those
30 funds appropriated in Section 7 of Act 140 of 2024, the following:
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32 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
34 (01) DISTRIBUTION TO COUNTIES FOR PROPERTY	
35 TAX RELIEF	<u>\$25,000,000</u>



1 SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
2 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
3 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
4 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
5 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
6 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
7 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
8 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
9 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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11 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
12 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
13 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
14 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
15 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
16 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
17 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
18 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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20 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
21 Assembly, that funds provided by the General Assembly for the operations of
22 the Office of the Treasurer of State are, due to unforeseen circumstances,
23 insufficient for the Office of the Treasurer of State to continue to provide
24 essential governmental services; that the provisions of this act will provide
25 the necessary monies for the Office of the Treasurer of State to continue
26 such services; and that a delay in the effective date of this Act could work
27 irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential
28 governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist
29 and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
30 peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the
31 date of its passage and approval.

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

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/s/Joint Budget Committee

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