

State of Arkansas  
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By: Representative Ramsey

HOUSE BILL 2029

"AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 276 OF 1983, AS AMENDED, TO ADJUST THE MOTION PICTURE TAX INCENTIVE BASED ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY EXPENDED IN ARKANSAS; TO PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE FOR THE LOCATION OF PERMANENT MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION FACILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Act 276 of 1983, as amended, the same being Arkansas Statutes Annotated 84-4805, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 5. (a) Any motion picture production company which expends in excess of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in connection with the filming and/or production of one or more motion pictures in the State of Arkansas within a twelve-month period, shall, upon making application therefor and meeting other requirements prescribed herein, be entitled to a tax incentive benefit of two and one-half percent (2½%) of the funds so expended in Arkansas in connection with the filming and/or production of a motion picture.

(b) Any motion picture production company which expends in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in connection with the filming and/or production of one or more motion pictures in the State of Arkansas within a twelve-month period, shall, upon making application therefor and meeting other requirements prescribed herein, be entitled to a tax incentive benefit of five percent (5%) of the funds so expended in Arkansas in connection with the filming and/or production of a motion picture.

(c) Any motion picture production company, or consortium of motion picture production companies, which invests in excess of five million dollars (\$5,000,000), prior to the expiration of this tax incentive, shall, upon making application therefor, be entitled to a tax incentive benefit of five percent (5%) of the funds so invested in the acquisition and/or construction

of motion picture production facilities to be permanently located within the State of Arkansas. The eligible investment expenditures shall conform to the types of expenditures enumerated by subdivisions (1), (2) and (3) of subsection (B) of Section 1 of Act 48 of 1987."

SECTION 2. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly that the State of Arkansas could realize additional economic benefits by granting a reduced incentive to those companies expending \$500,000 or more and that the location of permanent motion picture production facilities within the State of Arkansas will yield benefits far beyond the expiration of the tax incentive. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

