

State of Arkansas  
95th General Assembly  
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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1544

By: Joint Budget Committee

### For An Act To Be Entitled

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

### Subtitle

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE  
TURNBACK FOR COUNTIES AND *MUNICIPALITIES*  
BY THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE  
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.

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

#### SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - REAL PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION - COUNTIES.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Treasurer of State, to be payable from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund, for distributing funds provided by a statewide property tax reduction to counties by the Office of the Treasurer of State which shall be supplemental and in addition to those funds appropriated in Section 7 of Act 140 of 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) DISTRIBUTION TO COUNTIES FOR PROPERTY 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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