

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1097

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

8 AN ACT TO REAPPROPRIATE THE BALANCES OF CAPITAL
9 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
10 PARKS, HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - DIVISION OF HERITAGE;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
15 HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - DIVISION OF
16 HERITAGE REAPPROPRIATION.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REAPPROPRIATION - CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION - AMENDMENT 75 -
23 CONSERVATION TAX. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks,
24 Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the Arkansas Division of Heritage
25 Special Fund Account, for the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism -
26 Division of Heritage the following:

27 (A) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided
28 in Item (A) of Section 1 of Act 93 of 2025, for special maintenance, in a sum
29 not to exceed\$750,000.
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31 SECTION 2. REAPPROPRIATION - NCRC GRANT. There is hereby appropriated,
32 to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the
33 Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Grant and Trust Fund, for the
34 Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - Division of Heritage the
35 following:

36 (A) Effective July 1, 2026, the balance of the appropriation provided



1 in Section 24 of Act 297 of 2025, for the acquisition, management,
2 stewardship, or preservation of state owned lands, historic sites, buildings,
3 structures, or objects, in a sum not to exceed\$10,000,000.
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5 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
6 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
7 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
8 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
9 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
10 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
11 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
12 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
13 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
14 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
15 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
16 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

17 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State
18 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the
19 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of
20 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and
21 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in
22 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided
23 otherwise by law.
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25 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
26 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
27 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
28 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
29 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
30 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
31 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
32 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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34 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
35 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
36 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

1 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
2 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
3 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
4 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
5 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
6 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
7 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
8 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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