1 State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H2/9/01 A Bill 2 Act 287 of 2001 83rd General Assembly HOUSE BILL 1579 3 Regular Session, 2001 4 5 By: Joint Budget Committee 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR THE WHITE RIVER 10 11 REGIONAL IRRIGATION WATER DISTRIBUTION PROJECT; AND 12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES. 13 14 **Subtitle** 15 16 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION - THE 17 18 WHITE RIVER REGIONAL IRRIGATION WATER 19 DISTRIBUTION PROJECT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 20 APPROPRI ATI ON. 21 22 23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - WHITE RIVER PROJECT. There is hereby 25 26 appropriated, to the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund 27 28 accounts, the following: 29 (A) For costs associated with the White River Regional Irrigation Water Distribution Project, the sum of\$400,000. 30 31 32 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor 33 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available 34 35 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and 36

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1 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or

- 2 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
- 3 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
- 4 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
- 5 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
- 6 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
- 7 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.
- 8 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
- 9 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
- 10 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
- and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
- 12 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
- 13 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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- 15 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
- 16 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
- 18 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
- 19 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
- 20 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
- 21 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
- 22 Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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- 24 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
- 25 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
- 26 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
- 27 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2001 is essential to the operation of the
- 28 agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the
- 29 event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date
- 30 of this Act beyond July 1, 2001 could work irreparable harm upon the proper
- 31 <u>administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an</u>
- 32 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
- 33 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full
- 34 force and effect from and after July 1, 2001.
- 35 /s/ Joint Budget Committee
- 36 **APPROVED: 2/15/2001**