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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE COLLECTION,  
9 DEPOSIT, AND USE OF AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR LANDFILL  
10 DISPOSAL FEES; TO AMEND THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
11 AND RECYCLING FUND; TO AMEND THE LANDFILL POST-  
12 CLOSURE TRUST FUND; TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COMPUTER  
13 AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT RECYCLING PROGRAMS; AND FOR  
14 OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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17 TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE  
18 COLLECTION, DEPOSIT, AND USE OF AND  
19 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR LANDFILL DISPOSAL  
20 FEES.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 8-6-605 is amended to read as follows:

27 8-6-605. Solid Waste Management and Recycling Fund.

28 ~~(a)(1) The Solid Waste Management and Recycling Fund~~ There is  
29 established on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and  
30 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a trust fund to be known as the "Solid  
31 Waste Management and Recycling Fund".

32 ~~(2)(b)~~ The fund shall be administered by the Arkansas Department of  
33 Environmental Quality, which shall authorize distributions and administrative  
34 expenditures from the fund under this subchapter for solid waste management  
35 and recycling programs.

36 ~~(3)(c)~~ In addition to all moneys appropriated by the General Assembly



1 to the fund, there shall be deposited into the fund all landfill disposal  
 2 fees collected pursuant to §§ 8-6-606 and 8-6-607, ~~all moneys reimbursed to~~  
 3 ~~the department pursuant to § 8-6-610~~, federal government moneys designated to  
 4 enter the fund, any moneys received by the state as a gift or donation to the  
 5 fund, and all interest earned upon money deposited into the fund.

6 ~~(4)(d)~~ (d) No more than twenty percent (20%) of the moneys received  
 7 annually into the fund shall be used by the department for:

8 (1) ~~the~~ The administration of a solid waste management and  
 9 recycling program;

10 (2) The administration of a computer and electronic equipment  
 11 recycling program under § 8-6-613; and

12 (3) ~~for~~ For solid waste management compliance and enforcement  
 13 activities at landfills and open dumps.

14 ~~(b) There shall also be deposited into the fund all landfill disposal~~  
 15 ~~fees collected under § 8-6-612 to be used exclusively for computer and~~  
 16 ~~electronic equipment recycling activities as authorized in § 8-6-613.~~

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 18 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 8-6-612 is repealed.

19 ~~8-6-612. Landfill disposal fees to support a computer and electronic~~  
 20 ~~equipment recycling program.~~

21 ~~(a)(1) Except as provided in subsection (b) or (d) of this section,~~  
 22 ~~there is imposed on each landfill permittee a landfill disposal fee of:~~

23 ~~(A) Fifteen cents (15¢) for each uncompact cubic yard of~~  
 24 ~~solid waste; and~~

25 ~~(B) Thirty cents (30¢) for each compacted cubic yard of~~  
 26 ~~solid waste received at the landfill.~~

27 ~~(2) If a landfill permittee is required or chooses to operate on~~  
 28 ~~a weight basis, the landfill disposal fee shall be one dollar (\$1.00) for~~  
 29 ~~each one (1) ton of solid waste received at the landfill.~~

30 ~~(b) The following are exempt from payment of fees under subsection (a)~~  
 31 ~~of this section:~~

32 ~~(1) A solid waste transporter as defined in § 8-6-603; and~~

33 ~~(2) A landfill permittee that is a private industry that bears~~  
 34 ~~the expense of operating and maintaining the landfill solely for the disposal~~  
 35 ~~of wastes generated by the industry.~~

36 ~~(c) Fees imposed under this section shall be collected in the same~~

1 manner as in ~~§ 8-6-607(1) and (2)~~ and shall be special revenues deposited  
 2 into the State Treasury to the credit of the Solid Waste Management and  
 3 Recycling Fund for support of the computer and electronic equipment recycling  
 4 program.

5 ~~(d) Solid waste collected during the annual Keep Arkansas Beautiful~~  
 6 ~~and Keep America Beautiful campaigns that are sponsored by the Keep Arkansas~~  
 7 ~~Beautiful Commission is exempt from the landfill disposal fee under this~~  
 8 ~~section.~~

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 10 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 8-6-613 is amended to read as follows:

11 8-6-613. Computer and electronic equipment recycling program.

12 (a) A program for the recycling of computer and electronic equipment  
 13 is created.

14 (b) The General Assembly finds that:

15 (1) Computer and electronic equipment solid waste are among the  
 16 fastest growing and most toxic segments of Arkansas's solid waste stream; and

17 (2) There are recycling options to address this problem, and  
 18 Arkansas solid waste districts and local governments and their delegated  
 19 authorities and agents should develop solid waste management plans, programs,  
 20 and facilities that integrate computer and electronic equipment recycling as  
 21 a functional part of the solid waste management system.

22 (c) Each regional solid waste management board that is required to  
 23 submit or has submitted a regional solid waste management plan under § 8-6-  
 24 1904 or a solid waste management plan developed under the Arkansas Solid  
 25 Waste Management Act, § 8-6-201 et seq., and receives funding under this  
 26 subchapter shall operate a solid waste management system that includes a  
 27 computer and electronic equipment recycling program.

28 ~~(e)(d)~~ The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission may adopt  
 29 ~~reasonable rules~~ regulations necessary to implement an effective computer and  
 30 electronic equipment recycling program.

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 32 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 8-6-615(a)(1)(A), concerning the  
 33 distribution of funds to regional solid waste management districts, is  
 34 amended to read as follows:

35 (a)(1)(A) Funds collected under ~~§ 8-6-607~~ this subchapter and  
 36 deposited into the State Treasury to the credit of the Solid Waste Management

1 and Recycling Fund, less up to twenty percent (20%) for administrative  
 2 support for the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, shall be  
 3 allocated annually to each of the approved regional solid waste management  
 4 districts utilizing a combination of the two (2) methods stated in  
 5 subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

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 7 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 8-6-615, concerning the distribution of  
 8 funds to regional solid waste management districts, is amended to add an  
 9 additional subsection to read as follows:

10 (d)(1) After the effective date of this act and for each subsequent  
 11 fiscal year, each regional solid waste management board that receives funds  
 12 under this section shall provide a report by November 1 to the department  
 13 that explains how the regional solid waste management board spent the funding  
 14 received under this section in the previous fiscal year.

15 (2) The report under this subsection shall include the following  
 16 information concerning the amount of expenditures in the previous fiscal year  
 17 from the funds received under this section for:

- 18 (A) Equipment and material purchases; and
- 19 (B) Operation costs.

20 (3) The report shall be in a spreadsheet form as prescribed by  
 21 the Department.

22 (4) The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission may  
 23 promulgate regulations necessary for funding and program reporting,  
 24 accountability, and oversight under this subsection.

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 26 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 8-6-616 is repealed.

27 ~~8-6-616. Distribution of funds to regional solid waste management~~  
 28 ~~districts for computer and electronic equipment recycling programs.~~

29 ~~(a)(1) Funds collected under § 8-6-612 and deposited as special~~  
 30 ~~revenues into the State Treasury to the credit of the Solid Waste Management~~  
 31 ~~and Recycling Fund for support of an approved computer and electronic~~  
 32 ~~equipment recycling program shall be allocated annually to each regional~~  
 33 ~~solid waste management district using a combination of the two (2) methods~~  
 34 ~~stated in subsections (b) and (c) of this section.~~

35 ~~(2) Fifty percent (50%) of the funds shall be determined using~~  
 36 ~~the method provided in subsection (b) of this section, and fifty percent~~

1 ~~(50%) shall be determined using the method provided in subsection (c) of this~~  
2 ~~section.~~

3 ~~(3) The total figures obtained from each method shall be~~  
4 ~~combined to arrive at each regional solid waste management district's fund~~  
5 ~~distribution.~~

6 ~~(b)(1)(A) The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality shall~~  
7 ~~determine the amount of funds within each planning and development district~~  
8 ~~organized under § 14-166-201 et seq. and recognized by the Governor based on~~  
9 ~~the same distribution as general revenue support is distributed to the~~  
10 ~~planning and development districts in the current fiscal year.~~

11 ~~(B) The department shall adjust the distribution described~~  
12 ~~in subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section within the planning and development~~  
13 ~~districts to coincide with the boundaries of the regional solid waste~~  
14 ~~management districts by determining each county's share of the funds~~  
15 ~~available within each planning and development district.~~

16 ~~(C) Each county's share shall be based on the proportion~~  
17 ~~that each county's population bears to the total population in the planning~~  
18 ~~and development district to which the county is assigned, multiplied by the~~  
19 ~~amount of funds determined to be available within the planning and~~  
20 ~~development district.~~

21 ~~(D) The county's proportional share as determined under~~  
22 ~~this subdivision (b)(1) shall be added to all other counties' shares within~~  
23 ~~the same regional solid waste management district.~~

24 ~~(2) The formula to be used under this subsection is as follows:~~

25 ~~(A) Divide fifty percent (50%) of the total remaining~~  
26 ~~funds equally by the eight (8) regional planning and development districts;~~

27 ~~(B) Multiply the quotient obtained under subdivision~~  
28 ~~(b)(2)(A) of this section by the most recent federal decennial census~~  
29 ~~population of each county; and~~

30 ~~(C)(i) Divide the product obtained under subdivision~~  
31 ~~(b)(2)(B) of this section by the planning and development district population~~  
32 ~~in which the county is located to determine the portion per county.~~

33 ~~(ii) Individual county portions are grouped and~~  
34 ~~totaled by each new regional solid waste management district to determine~~  
35 ~~each regional solid waste management district's allocation.~~

36 ~~(c)(1) The remaining fifty percent (50%) of the funds shall be based~~

1 ~~on the ratio of the district's 2010 or current decennial census population~~  
 2 ~~divided by the most recent federal decennial census state population.~~

3 ~~(2) The formula to be used under this subsection is as follows:~~

4 ~~(A) Divide each regional solid waste management district's~~  
 5 ~~total population by the state's most recent federal decennial census~~  
 6 ~~population; and~~

7 ~~(B) Multiply the quotient obtained under subdivision~~  
 8 ~~(c)(2)(A) of this section by the total remaining funds to determine each~~  
 9 ~~regional solid waste management district's allocation.~~

10 ~~(d) A regional solid waste management district shall receive for an~~  
 11 ~~approved computer and electronic equipment recycling program from the~~  
 12 ~~regional solid waste management district's allocation.~~

13 ~~(1) After July 22, 2015, ten percent (10%) of the funds for that~~  
 14 ~~year as calculated by the department using a combination of the two (2)~~  
 15 ~~methods stated in subsections (b) and (c) of this section; and~~

16 ~~(2) For a year in which the regional solid waste management~~  
 17 ~~district did not receive funds to cover administrative costs of an approved~~  
 18 ~~computer and electronic equipment recycling program, ten percent (10%) of the~~  
 19 ~~funds currently on hand for that year.~~

20 ~~(e)(1) Funds received under this section by a regional solid waste~~  
 21 ~~management district but not needed for computer and electronic equipment~~  
 22 ~~recycling may be used for another recycling project operated by the regional~~  
 23 ~~solid waste management district.~~

24 ~~(2) Funds may be redirected under subdivision (d)(1) of this~~  
 25 ~~section only if the regional solid waste management board that governs a~~  
 26 ~~regional solid waste management district certifies that the funds are not~~  
 27 ~~needed for the approved computer and electronic equipment recycling program.~~

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 29 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 8-6-1002(a)(3), concerning the Landfill  
 30 Post-Closure Trust Fund, is amended to read as follows:

31 ~~(3)(A)~~ Moneys received into the fund may also be used by the Arkansas  
 32 Department of Environmental Quality for administrative purposes at a level  
 33 not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) annually with an  
 34 annual escalator not to exceed three percent (3%).

35 ~~(B) In the event the total amount in the fund equals or~~  
 36 ~~exceeds twenty five million dollars (\$25,000,000), no additional moneys shall~~

1 ~~be collected pursuant to this subchapter until the total amount in the fund~~  
2 ~~equals or is less than fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) at which time~~  
3 ~~the collection of moneys shall resume.~~

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5 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 19-5-961(a), concerning the Solid Waste  
6 Management and Recycling Fund, is amended to read as follows:

7 (a) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of State, the  
8 Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a trust fund to  
9 be known as the "Solid Waste Management and Recycling Fund".

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11 SECTION 9. DO NOT CODIFY. Distribution of funds from landfill  
12 disposal fees.

13 (a)(1) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall determine the total  
14 moneys available on the day before the effective date of this act at 11:59  
15 p.m. that were collected under § 8-6-612 for computer and electronic  
16 equipment recycling programs.

17 (2) The moneys available under subdivision (a)(1) of this  
18 section shall be used to fund computer and electronic equipment recycling  
19 programs under Arkansas Code § 8-6-613(c) until all moneys are distributed as  
20 provided under this subsection.

21 (3)(A) The use of any interest earnings or investment earnings  
22 on the moneys available under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall not be  
23 restricted to computer and electronic equipment recycling programs after the  
24 effective date of this act.

25 (B) The interest earnings and investment earnings on the  
26 moneys available under this subsection shall be used as provided under § 8-6-  
27 605.

28 (4)(A) For each fiscal year, five hundred thousand dollars  
29 (\$500,000) of the moneys available under subdivision (a)(1) of this section  
30 shall be added to the distribution of funding to regional solid waste  
31 management districts under Arkansas Code § 8-6-615.

32 (B) When the balance of the moneys allocated under  
33 subdivision (a)(1) of this section is less than five hundred thousand dollars  
34 (\$500,000) for a fiscal year, all of the available moneys remaining in the  
35 fund shall be the last moneys used to supplement the distribution to the  
36 regional solid waste management districts under § 8-6-615 for that fiscal

1 year.

2 (5) For each fiscal year, the Arkansas Department of  
 3 Environmental Quality shall determine the amount of the moneys allocated  
 4 under subdivision (a)(4) of this section that are included in each regional  
 5 solid waste management district's fund distribution under § 8-6-615 and  
 6 provide that information to the regional solid waste management districts.

7 (6)(A) Except as otherwise provided under subdivision (a)(6)(B)  
 8 of this section, each regional solid waste management district shall use the  
 9 moneys received under subdivision (a)(5) of this section for computer and  
 10 electronic equipment recycling programs.

11 (B) Moneys received under this section by a regional solid  
 12 waste management district but not needed for computer and electronic  
 13 equipment recycling may be used for another recycling project operated by the  
 14 regional solid waste management district only if the regional solid waste  
 15 management board that governs a regional solid waste management district  
 16 certifies that the funds are not needed for the approved computer and  
 17 electronic equipment recycling program.

18 (b) This section expires after the final distribution of the moneys  
 19 allocated under subdivision (a)(4)(B) of this section to the regional solid  
 20 waste management districts.

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