

"AN AUTHORIZATION AND ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC RELATIONS ACTIVITIES OF CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. It has been found and is declared that because of the nature of the duties imposed upon them by the Constitution, the officials hereinafter named are subject to great financial burdens, often approaching hardship, arising out of the necessity of maintaining satisfactory public relations with official guests of neighboring states, in the Federal Government, as well as other personages whose goodwill is essential to the welfare of the State of Arkansas. The remuneration of office of such officers is inadequate to bear this additional necessary expense, and there is urgent need to mitigate the inequity of this situation. It is therefore the purpose of this Act to promote the common good of the State of Arkansas by providing funds which will enable the named officials to continue beneficial public relations activities without personal financial hardships as follows for each fiscal year, to be disbursed according to law:

(01) GOVERNOR	\$ 19,000
(02) SECRETARY OF STATE	15,000
(03) TREASURER OF STATE	15,000
(04) AUDITOR OF STATE	15,000
(05) ATTORNEY GENERAL	15,000
(06) LAND COMMISSIONER	15,000
(07) LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	15,000
(08) PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE	10,000
(09) SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	10,000

SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT PROCEDURES. The amount for public relations expenses as may be herein appropriated, shall be payable on the first day of each calendar month in each of the foregoing fiscal years, upon invoice submitted by the foregoing officials, said invoice to stipulate only that this is for expenses incurred in public relations activities. The Auditor of State, after receiving such invoice from the foregoing officials, shall issue a warrant drawn in favor of each of the officials named in Section 1 hereof, in an amount not to exceed 1/12 of the authorization allocated to each such official, and the State Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay said warrant from the fund from which the appropriation is made payable; provided further, that each official enumerated in this Act who maintains a permanent residence outside of Pulaski County shall be furnished with a residence in a state-owned and operated facility at no charge during the official's term of office.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the Constitutional and Fiscal Agencies Fund for defraying expenses in connection with public relation activities of the various Constitutional Officers as may be provided by law for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO.	1987-88	1988-89
(01) PUBLIC RELATION EXPENSES	\$ 129,000	\$ 129,000

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SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1987 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1987 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1987.

APPROVED: 3/17/87

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