

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1991**  
4 **By: House Management Committee**

**A Bill ACT 1 OF 1991**  
**HOUSE BILL 1001**

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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF  
9 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
10 ASSEMBLY; TO PAY EXPENSES OF MEMBERS THEREOF; TO PAY  
11 SALARIES OF THE EMPLOYEES THEREOF; TO PAY FOR AND/OR  
12 PURCHASE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE HOUSE OF  
13 REPRESENTATIVES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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17 SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated, to the House of  
18 Representatives, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for  
19 defraying the necessary expenses of the Seventy-Eighth General Assembly and  
20 for paying the expenses of the members thereof as provided herein, for the  
21 remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991, the following:

22 (1) Salaries of Employees	\$ 330,000
23 (2) Maintenance, Operation and Expenses	<u>1,191,000</u>
24 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,521,000</u>

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26 SECTION 2. The House Management Committee with the approval of the  
27 Speaker of the House may at their discretion employ House employees; and may  
28 transfer or discharge any employee if it is deemed for the best interest of  
29 the House of Representatives.

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31 SECTION 3. The Coordinator of House Legislative Services is hereby  
32 directed to issue vouchers evidencing all payment authorized by the Speaker of  
33 the House, and when vouchers issued covering expenditures of the House have  
34 been so issued and approved, the State Auditor and the State Treasurer are  
35 directed to pay the same from funds appropriated herein.

36 The Coordinator of House Legislative Services shall be appointed by the

1 Speaker of the House with the approval of the House Management Committee, and  
2 shall perform such duties as may be provided by Rules of the House and as  
3 provided by the Speaker and the House Management committee, and in addition  
4 thereto, shall hereafter perform all duties imposed upon the Chief Clerk of  
5 the House now provided by law or authorized by House Rules especially with  
6 respect to the disbursement of House funds, the keeping of fiscal accounts and  
7 records, the signing of official documents, and the acquisition of stationery,  
8 postage, and other supplies for the House of Representatives and its members.

9       The Coordinator of House Legislative Services shall hereafter perform all  
10 duties imposed upon the Chief Clerk of the House with respect to the payment  
11 of interim expense funds to members of the House of Representative as  
12 authorized by Arkansas Code §10-2-211, §10-2-212 and §10-2-213.

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14       SECTION 4. If the Speaker of the House and the Coordinator of House  
15 Legislative Services determine that any item or portion thereof appropriated  
16 herein for a specific purpose is not needed for such purpose, they may certify  
17 such fact to the State Auditor, and the State Auditor shall cause transfer to  
18 be made from one item to another.

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20       SECTION 5. (A) The General Assembly hereby recognizes that the increased  
21 workload of bills, resolutions and other matters to be considered during  
22 legislative sessions, and the responsibilities of members in studying and  
23 considering such legislation and in communicating with their constituents  
24 concerning pending or proposed legislation, imposes additional burdens upon  
25 the financial resources of the individual members of the House of  
26 Representatives. The General Assembly further determines that service in the  
27 General Assembly requires members of the House of Representatives to defray  
28 the cost of maintaining a home, and in many instances a legislative office, in  
29 their representative districts as well as incur expenses for meals, lodging  
30 and related expenses while attending legislative session at the State Capitol,  
31 which imposes additional burdens upon the financial resources of the  
32 individual members.

33       It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State of Arkansas that  
34 members of the House of Representatives shall be provided reimbursement for  
35 reasonable expenditures incurred by the members of the House of

1 Representatives for the following categories of expenses incurred during  
2 regular or extraordinary sessions of the General Assembly:

- 3 (1) secretarial, staff service of pages, clerical and other assistants;
- 4 (2) additional stationery and postage, supplies, telephone and telegraph  
5 services; and
- 6 (3) reasonable cost of rent, lodging, meals and related living and  
7 legislative expenses incurred during regular or special legislative sessions,  
8 and certain select committee meetings.

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10 The Coordinator of House Legislative Services, with the approval of the  
11 Speaker of the House of Representatives, is hereby authorized to reimburse  
12 members of the House of Representatives from funds appropriated by this Act  
13 upon the filing of claims therefor, for expenses incurred by such members with  
14 respect to the authorized expenditures herein above enumerated, but not to  
15 exceed seventy-four dollars (\$74.00) per day per member each day the General  
16 Assembly is in regular or extraordinary session. The Coordinator of House  
17 Legislative Services, shall, upon instruction from the Speaker of the House of  
18 Representatives and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the House Management  
19 Committee, reduce the herein above enumerated per diem rate to coincide with  
20 the Federal per diem rate for the State of Arkansas.

21 (B) In addition to the items of expense for which reimbursement may be  
22 made as provided in Subsection (A) above, members of the House of  
23 Representatives shall be entitled to reimbursement for mileage at the same  
24 rate provided by law for state employees for official state travel, for not  
25 more than one round trip per week in traveling from their place of residence  
26 to Little Rock and return for each week the General Assembly meets in regular  
27 or extraordinary session.

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29 SECTION 6. The funds appropriated in this Act shall be used to defray  
30 the expenses of the House of Representatives of the Regular Session of the  
31 Seventy-Eighth General Assembly, and upon adjournment of the Regular Session,  
32 any unexpended balance of the funds appropriated in this Act may be used to  
33 defray the necessary expenses of the operation of the Office of the Speaker of  
34 the House of Representatives, the Office of the Coordinator of House  
35 Legislative Services, the Office of Parliamentarian, the Chief Clerk's Office,

1 and other reasonable and necessary expenses of the House of Representatives of  
2 the Seventy-Eighth General Assembly incurred during the interim between the  
3 adjournment of the Regular Session of the Seventy-Eighth General Assembly and  
4 July 1, 1991.

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6       SECTION 7. The Speaker of the House is hereby authorized to designate,  
7 subsequent to the adjournment of the General Assembly, one or more members of  
8 the House to represent the House of Representatives at regional or national  
9 conferences of legislators or other official meetings held during the interim  
10 between legislative sessions at which the State of Arkansas is requested to be  
11 represented by members of the General Assembly, and may pay the actual and  
12 necessary travel, meals and lodging and other expenses therefor from the funds  
13 appropriated herein.

14       Additionally, if it is determined by the Speaker of the House that the  
15 presence, assistance, oversight and expertise of any House member is needed in  
16 the interim between the regular sessions, and if it is determined by the  
17 Speaker of the House that certain expenses and per diem of members of the  
18 House should be paid by the House, such expenses and per diem at the rate  
19 authorized for attending legislative sessions shall be paid from the funds  
20 appropriated herein for Maintenance, Operation and Expenses.

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22       SECTION 8. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, along with the  
23 Chairman and Vice Chairman of the House Management Committee shall during the  
24 month of June, 1991 and 1992 meet as a Committee and determine the actual  
25 salaries to be paid each employee beginning the following July 1. Such  
26 salaries of the employees will be based upon an evaluation of the performance  
27 of the Coordinator of House Legislative Services by the Committee and upon an  
28 evaluation of the performance of the other employees by the Coordinator of  
29 House Legislative Services. The Parliamentarian of the House of  
30 Representatives may, upon approval of the Committee and on the effective date  
31 of this Act, be paid an additional salary above that as set out by law  
32 elsewhere at the rate of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per day, each day the General  
33 Assembly is in regular or extraordinary session. Such additional salary and  
34 associated personal service matching costs shall be paid from the  
35 appropriation provided in Section 1 of this Act.

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2           SECTION 9. REAPPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated to the  
3 Arkansas House of Representatives, for the remainder of the fiscal year ending  
4 June 30, 1991, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund, the  
5 balance of the appropriations provided by Section 1 of Act 204 of the First  
6 Extraordinary Session of the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly, Act 1 of the  
7 First Extraordinary Session of the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly, and Act 1  
8 of the Third Extraordinary Session of the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly in  
9 an amount not to exceed \$220,000, there to be used for the same purposes for  
10 the Arkansas House of Representatives of the Seventy-Eighth General Assembly.

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12           SECTION 10. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
13 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
14 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which  
15 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
16 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
17 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
18 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
19 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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21           SECTION 11. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent  
22 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
23 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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25           SECTION 12. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the  
26 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such  
27 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which  
28 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this  
29 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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31           SECTION 13. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict  
32 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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34           SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby determined that matters  
35 vitally affecting the welfare of the State of Arkansas must be dealt with by

1 the Seventy-Eighth General Assembly, and this Act being necessary for the  
2 preservation of the peace, health and safety of the people of the State of  
3 Arkansas, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall take  
4 effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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