

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

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

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.

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

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

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

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

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

1 reasonable expenditures incurred by the members of the House of
2 Representatives for the following categories of expenses incurred during
3 regular or extraordinary sessions of the General Assembly:

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

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

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

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

1 Legislative Services, the Office of Parliamentarian, the Chief Clerk's Office,
2 and other reasonable and necessary expenses of the House of Representatives of
3 the Seventy-Eighth General Assembly incurred during the interim between the
4 adjournment of the Regular Session of the Seventy-Eighth General Assembly and
5 July 1, 1991.

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

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

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

1 appropriation provided in Section 1 of this Act.

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

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

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

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

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

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35 SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby determined that matters

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