

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Senate Efficiency Committee**
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A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND
9 OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE FOR THE
10 BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1993; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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15 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES-SENATE STAFF. There is hereby established
16 for the Arkansas Senate for the 1991-93 biennium, the following maximum number
17 of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the
18 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et
19 seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however,
20 that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein
21 in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification
22 and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are
23 hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and
24 Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

			Maximum Annual		
			Maximum	Salary Rate	
Item	Class		No. of	Fiscal Years	
No.	Code	Title	Employees	1991-92	1992-93
28	(1)	SENATE CHIEF OF STAFF	1	\$56,270	\$58,873
29	(2)	SENATE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF	1	46,284	48,598
30	(3)	SENATE INFORMATION DIRECTOR	1	39,010	40,960
31	(4)	SECRETARY OF THE SENATE	1	34,713	36,449
32	(5)	SENATE FISCAL OFFICER	1		32,080
33	(6)	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	1	26,613	27,944
34	(7)	SENATE ASS'T FISCAL OFFICER	1	24,644	25,877
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1	(8)	SENATE PROPERTIES OFFICER	<u>1</u>	23,721	24,907
2		MAXIMUM NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	8		

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4 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS - STAFF. There is hereby appropriated, to the
5 Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for
6 personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Senate and the staff
7 of the Arkansas Senate, for the biennial period ending June 30, 1993, the
8 following:

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10	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>FISCAL YEARS</u>	
11	NO.	1991-92	1992-93
12	(1) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 283,545	\$ 297,722
13	(2) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	62,400	65,500
14	(3) MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL OPERATIONS	<u>127,327</u>	<u>53,479</u>
15	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 473,272</u>	<u>\$ 416,701</u>

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17 SECTION 3. Any balances remaining on June 30, 1991 in the appropriations
18 enacted in any act to defray the expenses of the Arkansas Senate of the
19 Seventy-Eighth General Assembly may be carried forward into the fiscal year
20 ending June 30, 1992, there to be made available for the same purposes. Any
21 balance remaining on June 30, 1992 in the appropriation carried forward and in
22 the appropriation provided by Section 2 herein for Maintenance and General
23 Operations may be carried forward into the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993,
24 there to be used for the same purposes.

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26 SECTION 4. If the Senate Efficiency Committee and the Senate Fiscal
27 Officer, subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate, should determine that
28 any item or portion thereof appropriated herein for a specific purpose is not
29 needed for such purpose, the Senate Fiscal Officer may certify such fact to
30 the State Auditor and the State Auditor shall cause transfer to be made from
31 one item to another.

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33 SECTION 6. The General Assembly hereby determines that the conducting of
34 an Institute of Legislative Procedure, prior to the convening of Regular
35 Sessions of the General Assembly, for the orientation of existing and

1 newly-elected members of the General Assembly on rules and legislative
2 procedure and current fiscal conditions and other problems in state
3 government, is essential to the proper functioning of each Regular Session of
4 the General Assembly.

5 (a) The Arkansas Legislative Council and the Legislative Joint Auditing
6 Committee shall cooperate in jointly sponsoring a biennial Institute of
7 Legislative Procedure to carry out the aforementioned purposes. Members of
8 the preceding General Assembly who have been re-elected to a new term in
9 either house of the General Assembly, and newly-elected members of the House
10 of Representatives and Arkansas Senate, shall be eligible to attend the
11 biennial Institute of Legislative Procedure and shall be entitled, upon filing
12 a claim therefor, to per diem in the amount fixed by law for payment to
13 members of the General Assembly for attendance at legislative sessions per day
14 for each day in attending the biennial Institute of Legislative Procedure, but
15 in no event to exceed three (3) days per member, plus mileage in traveling
16 from their place of residence to the biennial Institute of Legislative
17 Procedure and return at the same rate of mileage authorized for official
18 travel by state employees. Per diem and mileage for members of the General
19 Assembly and newly-elected members of the General Assembly for attending the
20 biennial Institute of Legislative Procedure shall be paid by their respective
21 houses from the monies appropriated therefor.

22 (b) There is hereby appropriated, to be payable from the Constitutional
23 Officers Fund, to the Arkansas Senate of the General Assembly of the State of
24 Arkansas, to be used for payment of per diem and mileage of members of the
25 Arkansas Senate who attend the biennial Institute of Legislative Procedure, to
26 be held prior to the convening of the 1993 Regular Session of the General
27 Assembly, the sum of\$ 3,750.

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29 SECTION 7. The Senate Efficiency Committee may, at its direction and
30 subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate, employ Arkansas Senate
31 employees and transfer or discharge any employee if it is deemed for the best
32 interest of the Arkansas Senate.

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34 SECTION 8. The Senate Chief of Staff shall be appointed and salary
35 determined by the Senate Efficiency Committee, subject to the approval of the

1 Arkansas Senate, prior to July 1 of each fiscal year within the salary
2 limitations as set out herein, and shall perform such duties as may be
3 provided by the Rules of the Senate and by the Senate Efficiency Committee,
4 subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate. Appointment to and the salary
5 to be paid to the positions of Senate Assistant Chief of Staff, Senate
6 Information Director, and Administrative Assistant shall be made and
7 determined, within the salary limitations as set out herein, by the Senate
8 Efficiency Committee subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate, after
9 receiving recommendations from the Senate Chief of Staff. Each of the
10 employees authorized by this Act shall serve at the pleasure of the Senate
11 Efficiency Committee, subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate. The
12 Senate Fiscal Officer, the Senate Assistant Fiscal Officer, the Secretary of
13 the Senate, and the Senate Properties Officer shall report directly to and be
14 responsible directly to the Senate Efficiency Committee, subject to the
15 approval of the Arkansas Senate.

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17 SECTION 9. The Secretary of the Arkansas Senate, the Senate Fiscal
18 Officer, the Senate Assistant Fiscal Officer and the Senate Properties Officer
19 shall perform such duties during the Regular Session of the General Assembly
20 and during the interim between the convening of Special Sessions and/or the
21 next regular session of the General Assembly as may be provided by the rules
22 of the Arkansas Senate or by the Arkansas Senate Efficiency Committee, subject
23 to the approval of the Arkansas Senate.

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

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34 SECTION 11. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent
35 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas

1 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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9 SECTION 13. REPEALER. Arkansas Code §10-2-216(b) and all laws and parts
10 of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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12 SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
13 Seventy-Eighth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of
14 Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year
15 period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1991 is essential to the
16 operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided,
17 and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the
18 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1991 could work irreparable harm
19 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
20 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
21 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
22 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1991.

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