

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Senator Scott**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR SALARY
10 SUBSIDY MATCHING GRANTS TO CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE FOR THE
11 BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1995; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION -
15 DISBURSING OFFICER APPROPRIATION."
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
21 Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable
22 from the State General Services Fund Account, for salary subsidy matching
23 grants to Chambers of Commerce for each fiscal year of the biennial period
24 ending June 30, 1995, the sum of \$390,000.

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26 SECTION 2. MATCHING GRANTS. The grants shall be paid on a one-to-one
27 matching basis, and shall not exceed \$7,500 per Chamber of Commerce during
28 each state fiscal year. Each qualifying Chamber of Commerce shall be eligible
29 to receive matching funds for a maximum of three years, for the purpose of
30 assisting small cities in hiring full-time Chamber of Commerce executive
31 directors.

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33 SECTION 3. QUALIFYING CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE. To be eligible to apply
34 for salary subsidy matching funds appropriated in Section 1 of this Act, the
35 Chamber of Commerce must certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer that the

1 following criteria applies:

- 2 1) city population shall not exceed five thousand persons;
- 3 2) the Chamber of Commerce office shall be located separate and apart
- 4 from any existing business;
- 5 3) the Chamber of Commerce executive shall not be employed elsewhere
- 6 during established business hours;
- 7 4) the Chamber of Commerce office must be open for business a minimum
- 8 of five hours per day, five days per week, for a minimum of fifty weeks each
- 9 year; and
- 10 5) the base income of the Chamber of Commerce exceeds \$6,250 annually.

11 If any Chamber of Commerce which receives funds under the provisions of
12 this Act is found to be in violation of any of the above qualifications at the
13 time of application, such funds shall be repaid to the State immediately.

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15 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
16 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
17 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
18 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
19 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
20 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control
21 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the
22 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
23 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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25 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
26 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
27 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which
28 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
29 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
30 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
31 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
32 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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34 SECTION 6. 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 7. 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 8. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
10 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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12 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
13 Seventy-Ninth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas
14 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that
15 the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1993 is essential to the operation of
16 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
17 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
18 date of this Act beyond July 1, 1993 could work irreparable harm upon the
19 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
20 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
21 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, 1993.

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