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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 157

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL  
9 SERVICES, SUBSTITUTE EXPENSES, AND EXPENSE ALLOWANCE  
10 OF THE TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS OF THE  
11 CIRCUIT COURTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
12 2014; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE - TRIAL  
16 COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL  
18 YEAR.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS.  
25 There is hereby established for the Auditor of State - Trial Court  
26 Administrative Assistants of the Circuit Courts for the 2013-2014 fiscal  
27 year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate Fiscal Year
No.			2013-2014
(1)	TRIAL COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT I	121	GRADE C117
(2)	TRIAL COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT II	<u>1</u>	GRADE C117
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	122	



## SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the Trial Court Administrative Assistant Fund, for personal services, Trial Court Staff Substitutes expenses, and Trial Court Administrative Assistant expenses by Trial Court Administrative Assistants of the Circuit Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$5,535,479
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,775,556
(03) TRIAL COURT ASSISTANT EXPENSES	225,000
(04) TRIAL COURT STAFF SUBSTITUTES	<u>125,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,661,035</u></u>

SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RATE OF PAY. The entry level salary of a trial court staff person shall be equal to that established in the state pay plan at grade C117.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

CERTIFICATION. Any Trial Court Administrative Assistant who is or becomes certified by the National Center for State Courts as a certified Court Manager shall be entitled to have the annual salary for which he or she is eligible to be increased by ten percent (10%), which shall not exceed the maximum amount for the grade assigned.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2012~~ 2013 through June 30, ~~2013~~ 2014.

SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

EMPLOYMENT. In the event that any Trial Court Administrative Assistant terminates employment for any reason and is eligible for the payment of accumulated annual leave, the employment date for the new employee shall be delayed and the position shall remain vacant for the period of time required

1 to account for the cost of the payment of accumulated annual leave.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2012~~  
3 2013 through June 30, ~~2013~~ 2014.

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5 SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
6 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
7 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
8 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
9 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
10 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
11 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
12 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
13 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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15 SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
16 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
17 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
18 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
19 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
20 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
21 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
22 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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24 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
25 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
26 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
27 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of  
28 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
29 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
30 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm  
31 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
32 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
33 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
34 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.

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36 */s/Joint Budget Committee*