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2 89th General Assembly
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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 196

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE OFFICIAL COURT
10 REPORTERS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
11 ENDING JUNE 30, 2014; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE -
15 OFFICIAL COURT REPORTERS APPROPRIATION
16 FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby
23 established for the Auditor of State - Official Court Reporters of the
24 Circuit Courts for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
25 regular employees.
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Item	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate Fiscal Year
No.			2013-2014
(1)	COURT REPORTER	<u>122</u>	GRADE C119
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	122	

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34 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby
35 appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the Court
36 Reporter's Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Official



1 Court Reporters of the Circuit Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 2 2014, the following:

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4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
6 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,518,781
7 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,040,891
8 (03) EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	400,000
9 (04) INDIGENT TRANSCRIPTS	600,000
10 (05) COURT REPORTER SUBSTITUTES	<u>325,000</u>
11 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,884,672</u></u>

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13 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

15 TRANSCRIPTS. Official Court Reporters shall prepare transcripts, which are
 16 to be included within a record on appeal, pursuant to the time requirements
 17 that are outlined in the Arkansas Supreme Court Rules. In the event an
 18 official Court Reporter fails to complete a transcript within the prescribed
 19 time, he or she shall immediately inform the judge, for whom he or she is
 20 employed, and the Arkansas Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners.
 21 Failure of a Court Reporter to report to his or her judge and to the Arkansas
 22 Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners shall result in the immediate
 23 suspension of the Court Reporter's license, pending a hearing before the
 24 Arkansas Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners.

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26 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 27 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 28 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 29 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 30 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 31 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 32 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 33 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 34 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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36 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

1 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
2 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
3 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
4 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
5 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
6 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
7 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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9 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
10 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
11 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
12 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of
13 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
14 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
15 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm
16 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
17 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
18 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
19 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.
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