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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 150

AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS - COURT PERSONNEL
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to Senate Bill No. 150

Amend Senate Bill No. 150 as originally introduced:

Page 5, delete Section 10 in its entirety

And

Appropriately renumber subsequent Sections of the bill.

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Rapert

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1 State of Arkansas
2 91st General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2017
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 150

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 TRIAL COURT
10 ADMINISTRATORS, THE OFFICIAL COURT REPORTERS OF THE
11 CIRCUIT COURTS, JUVENILE PROBATION AND INTAKE
12 OFFICERS AND DRUG COURT JUVENILE PROBATION AND INTAKE
13 OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018;
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF
19 THE COURTS - COURT PERSONNEL
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL
21 YEAR.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS. There is
27 hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Trial Court
28 Administrators for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
29 regular employees.
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2017-2018
(1)	Q226C	TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR	<u>122</u>	GRADE C117
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	122	



SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Trial Court Administrative Assistant Fund, for personal services, Trial Court Administrator Substitutes expenses and Trial Court Administrators expenses of the Trial Court Administrators of the Circuit Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$5,485,409
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,860,617
(03) TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR EXPENSES	175,000
(04) TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR SUBSTITUTES	<u>175,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,696,026</u></u>

SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the Courts - Official Court Reporters of the Circuit Courts for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2017-2018
<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
(1) Q227C COURT REPORTER	<u>119</u>	GRADE C119
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	119	

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Court Reporter's Fund, for personal services, expenses allowance, indigent transcripts and court reporter substitutes of the Official Court Reporters of the Circuit Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,408,289
3	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,075,241
4	(03) EXPENSES ALLOWANCE	350,000
5	(04) INDIGENT TRANSCRIPTS	600,000
6	(05) COURT REPORTER SUBSTITUTES	<u>375,000</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$9,808,530</u></u>

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9 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - JUVENILE PROBATION & INTAKE OFFICERS. There

10 is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be

11 payable from the State Central Services Fund, for reimbursement of a portion

12 of the salaries of full-time juvenile probation and intake officers in

13 accordance with Arkansas Code 16-13-327 and Arkansas Code 16-13-328 for the

14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
18	(01) JUVENILE PROBATION & INTAKE OFFICERS	<u><u>\$3,582,810</u></u>

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20 SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - DRUG COURT JUVENILE PROBATION & INTAKE

21 OFFICERS. There is hereby established for the Administrative Office of the

22 Courts - Drug Court Juvenile Probation & Intake Officers for the 2017-2018

23 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

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25			Maximum Annual
26		Maximum	Salary Rate
27	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
28	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
29	(1) Q231C DRUG COURT JUV PROB & INTAKE OFF	<u>13</u>	GRADE C117
30	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	13	

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32 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - DRUG COURT JUVENILE PROBATION & INTAKE

33 OFFICERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the

34 Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal

35 services and operating expenses of the Drug Court Juvenile Probation & Intake

36 Officers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$434,634
5	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	164,228
6	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	50,000
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	2,500
9	(C) PROF. FEES	35,000
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11	(E) DATA PROC	<u>0</u>
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$686,362</u></u>

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14 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. AOC
16 RESPONSIBILITY FOR COURT REPORTERS AND TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS.

17 (a) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall be responsible for
18 the financial oversight of the Official Court Reporters of the Circuit Courts
19 and Trial Court Administrators, which shall include but not be limited to
20 biennial and annual budget requests, all budgeting activities, monitoring
21 expenses, travel, substitute expenses, indigent transcript payments and to
22 ensure projected annual expenditures do not exceed total available funding.

23 (b) The Administrative Office of the Courts with assistance from the
24 Arkansas Judicial Council shall establish an official procedure or rules for
25 all new hires, terminations and salary adjustments for Trial Court
26 Administrators and Official Court Reporters. The official procedures or
27 rules shall be implemented prior to July 1, 2015 and shall be administered
28 for all Trial Court Administrators and Official Court Reporters.

29 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
30 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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32 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING
34 FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE FUND.

35 (a) (i) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall be responsible
36 for requesting and verifying the need for any additional appropriation, any

1 position change level, and any increase in the Administration of Justice Fund
2 Allocation Section as authorized annually through special language in the
3 Department of Finance and Administration's Disbursing Act, for the Trial
4 Court Administrators and Official Court Reporters.

5 (ii) Any annual or biennial request for an increase in the
6 Administration of Justice Fund allocation section for Trial Court
7 Administrators and/or Official Court Reporters shall not exceed the total or
8 projected total revenues available for the Trial Court Administrator Fund or
9 the Court Reporter's Fund from the Administration of Justice Fund as
10 determined by the Administrative Office of the Courts with assistance from
11 the Department of Finance and Administration.

12 (b) (i) During a fiscal year the Administrative Office of the Courts
13 shall not approve any change level in salary, operating expense and other
14 distributions for Trial Court Administrators which will exceed actual or
15 projected fund balances in the Trial Court Administrator Fund.

16 (ii) During a fiscal year the Administrative Office of the Courts
17 shall not approve any change level in salary, operating expense and other
18 distributions for Court Reporters which will exceed actual or projected fund
19 balances in the Court Reporter's Fund.

20 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2016~~
21 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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23 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
24 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRIAL
25 COURT ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYMENT. In the event that any Trial Court
26 Administrator terminates employment for any reason and is eligible for the
27 payment of accumulated annual leave, the employment date for the new employee
28 shall be delayed and the position shall remain vacant for the period of time
29 required to account for the cost of the payment of accumulated annual leave.

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
31 ~~2016~~ 2017 through June 30, ~~2017~~ 2018.

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33 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
34 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
35 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
36 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

1 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 2 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 3 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 4 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 5 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 7 SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 8 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 9 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 10 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 11 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 12 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 13 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 14 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 16 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 17 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
 18 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 19 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of
 20 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 21 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 22 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2017 could work irreparable harm
 23 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
 24 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
 25 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
 26 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2017.

1 State of Arkansas
2 91st General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2017
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 297

5 By: Senators Hester, Rapert
6 By: Representative M. Gray
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE COUNTY VOTING
10 MACHINE GRANT FUND FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE WHICH
11 SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS
12 APPROPRIATED BY ACT 261 OF 2016; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 AN ACT FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE -
18 COUNTY VOTING SYSTEM GRANT FUND
19 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY VOTING SYSTEM GRANT FUND. There is
25 hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the County
26 Voting System Grant Fund, for professional fees and services for upgrading or
27 purchasing county voting systems, grants and aid for voting system equipment,
28 programming, maintenance or equipment and devices used to view voter
29 registration records at a polling location and refund/reimbursements of fees
30 which shall be supplemental and in addition to those funds appropriated in
31 Section 11 of Act 261 of 2016, the following:
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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
(01) COUNTY VOTING SYSTEM GRANTS	<u>\$18,500,000</u>

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1 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
3 TRANSFER. Once the requirement of Arkansas Code 23-61-710 (c) regarding the
4 Insurance Department retaining an amount equal to one (1) fiscal year budget
5 are met, immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Chief Fiscal
6 Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the
7 State Treasurer and the Auditor of State the sum of eighteen million five
8 hundred thousand dollars (\$18,500,000) or so much as is available from the
9 State Insurance Department Trust Fund to the County Voting System Grant Fund
10 to provide funds for professional fees and services for upgrading or
11 purchasing county voting systems, grants and aid for voting system equipment,
12 programming, maintenance or equipment and devices used to view voter
13 registration records at a polling location and refund/reimbursements of fees.
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15 SECTION 3. 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 Procurement 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
21 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
22 the 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 4. 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
28 which 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 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
35 Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the requirement to purchase an
36 integrated statewide election system is critical to ensure safe and secure

1 elections for the citizens of Arkansas; it is imperative to replace all
2 existing election equipment in the State in time for the election primary of
3 2018; and that a delay in the effective date of this Act could work
4 irreparable harm upon the ability of the Secretary of State to provide a
5 statewide integrated election system by the election primary of 2018.
6 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
7 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
8 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its
9 passage and approval.

10 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall
11 become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the
12 Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the
13 veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house
14 overrides the veto.

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