

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Joint Budget Committee**

A BILL ACT 441 OF 1991
HOUSE BILL 1646

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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

Item	Class	Title	No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate	
				1991-92	1992-93
31	(1) 9995	STATE FORESTER	1	\$ 54,762	\$ 57,500
32	(2) 025Z	FOREST DEP STATE FORESTER	1		GRADE 25
33	(3) 015Z	ASST STATE FORESTER	4		GRADE 23
34	(4) 184Z	FORESTRY FISCAL OFFICER	1		GRADE 22
35	J008	STATE FOREST MANAGER	1		
36	147Z	DISTRICT FORESTER	11		

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1	(5) J006 FOREST REFORESTATION MANAGER	1	GRADE 21
2	N326 FORESTRY INFORMATION & ED MANAGER	1	
3	J010 NURSERY SUPERVISOR	1	
4	R386 RURAL FIRE DEFENSE ADMR	1	
5	(6) 912Z STAFF FORESTER	6	GRADE 20
6	A036 FIELD AUDITOR SUPERVISOR	1	
7	C020 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	
8	J003 AVIATION MANAGER	1	
9	R236 FORESTRY PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	
10	A006 ACCOUNTING SUPV I	1	
11	(7) B009 FOREST ENTOMOLOGIST	1	GRADE 19
12	J026 SEED ORCHARD SUPERVISOR	1	
13	(8) E072 TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	2	GRADE 18
14	J022 FORESTER II	41	
15	V040 PURCHASE AGENT II/PURCHASE AGENT	3	
16	A111 ACCOUNTANT	1	
17	N328 INFORMATION OFFICER II	1	
18	R134 PLANNING SPECIALIST II	1	
19	Y005 AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC SUPERVISOR	2	
20	V025 RURAL FIRE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	
21	(9) J020 FORESTER I	13	GRADE 17
22	A034 FIELD AUDITOR	2	
23	Y003 AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC	8	
24	R010 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	1	
25	Y129 ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN	7	
26	J004 AIRCRAFT PILOT	13	
27	(10) J013 FOREST RANGER III	58	GRADE 16
28	G027 BUILDING PLANT MAINTENANCE SUPV I	1	
29	J033 STATE FOREST FOREMAN	1	
30	(11) N311 COMMERCIAL ARTIST I/GRAPHIC ART I	1	GRADE 15
31	R444 BUSINESS CONTROLLER I	1	
32	(12) J011 FOREST RANGER II	106	GRADE 14
33	J031 NURSERY/SEED ORCHARD TECHNICIAN	6	
34	J015 FOREST TECHNICIAN	4	
35	(13) K153 SECRETARY II	23	GRADE 13
36	(14) J009 FOREST RANGER I	103	GRADE 12

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1	J005 FOREST DISPATCHER	11	
2	A106 ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN I	1	
3	(15) K155 SECRETARY I	7	GRADE 11
4	G073 HEAVY EQUIP OPERATOR	<u>2</u>	
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	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	457	

7 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 8 authorized, for the State Forestry Commission for the 1991-93 biennium, the
 9 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 10 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: One
 11 hundred thirty eight (138) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at
 12 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 13 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 14 classification.

16 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS - GENERAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 17 appropriated, to the State Forestry Commission, to be payable from the State
 18 Forestry Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the State
 19 Forestry Commission for the biennial period ending June 30, 1993, the
 20 following:

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
23	NO.	1991-92	1992-93
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 8,322,658	\$ 8,737,648
25	(02) EXTRA HELP	204,122	204,122
26	(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	2,431,138	2,569,812
27	(04) OVERTIME	100,000	100,000
28	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
29	(A) OPER. EXPENSES	\$ 2,147,086	\$ 2,156,761
30	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	55,562	55,562
31	(C) PROF. FEES	6,331	6,331
32	(D) CAPITAL OUTLAY	148,000	81,000
33	(E) DATA PROCESSING	<u>8,500</u>	<u>8,500</u>
34	TOTAL MAINT. & GEN. OPER.	2,365,479	2,308,154
35	(06) FEDERAL INITIATIVE GRANTS & OTHER SERVICES	300,000	300,000

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(07)	PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	40,000	40,000
(08)	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	113,800	113,800
(09)	FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT	<u>521,840</u>	<u>521,840</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 14,399,037</u>	<u>\$ 14,895,376</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE - LOANS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the State Forestry Commission, to be payable from the Rural Fire Protection Revolving Fund, for loans to communities of the State Forestry Commission for the biennial period ending June 30, 1993, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO.	1991-92	1992-93
(01) LOANS TO COMMUNITIES	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS - POISON SPRINGS STATE FOREST. There is

hereby appropriated, to the State Forestry Commission, to be payable from the State Forest Trust Fund, for management and operation of the State Forestry Commission - Poison Springs State Forest for the biennial period ending June 30, 1993, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO.	1991-92	1992-93
(01) MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 200,000</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS - EMERGENCY FIRE PROGRAM. There is hereby

appropriated, to the State Forestry Commission, to be payable from the Emergency Fire Trust Fund, for personal services, fire control and communications of the State Forestry Commission - Emergency Fire Program for the biennial period ending June 30, 1993, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO.	1991-92	1992-93
(01) EXTRA HELP	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000

1	(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	10,000	10,000
2	(03) FIRE CONTROL/COMMUNICATE	<u>190,000</u>	<u>190,000</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>

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5 SECTION 7. EXTRA HELP - EMERGENCY FIRE PROGRAM. There is hereby

6 authorized, for the State Forestry Commission - Emergency Fire Program for the

7 1991-93 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary

8 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein

9 for such purposes: Fifty (50) temporary or part-time employees, when needed,

10 at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and

11 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate

12 classification.

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14 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATIONS - RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS.

15 There is hereby appropriated, to the State Forestry Commission, to be payable

16 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,

17 for grants to rural communities of the State Forestry Commission - Rural

18 Community Fire Protection Grants for the biennial period ending June 30, 1993,

19 the following:

21	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
22	NO.	1991-92	1992-93
23	(01) GRANTS	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

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25 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATIONS - HARDWOOD REFORESTATION PROJECT. There is

26 hereby appropriated, to the State Forestry Commission, to be payable from cash

27 funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the State Forestry Commission,

28 for seed purchase of the State Forestry Commission - Hardwood Reforestation

29 Project for the biennial period ending June 30, 1993, the following:

31	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
32	NO.	1991-92	1992-93
33	(01) SEED PURCHASE	<u>\$ 150,000</u>	<u>\$ 150,000</u>

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35 SECTION 10. TRANSFER PROVISION. During either fiscal year of the

1 1991-93 biennium, any savings made in appropriations for the payment of
2 salaries to Forest Towermen included in items (1), (2), and (3) of Section 3
3 herein may, upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, be
4 transferred to the appropriation made either in items (1), (3) or (5) of
5 Section 3 for the inclusion in the proper category of employment of aircraft
6 pilots, foresters or maintenance and operation of aircraft, and/or for
7 purchase of aircraft to be used in wild fire detection. In the event the State
8 Forestry Commission determines the nursery operation can effectively maintain
9 its self-supporting status by utilization of contract labor from a private
10 vendor for temporary and/or seasonal labor needs, the Commission is hereby
11 authorized, upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer to transfer the
12 necessary appropriation authorized by Item (02) in Section 3 of this Act to
13 Item (05) in Section 3 of this Act.

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15 SECTION 11. FIELD AUDITORS. It is the intent of the General Assembly
16 that two (2) of the Field Auditor positions authorized in Section 1 of this
17 Act shall be used primarily for performing audits and other services to assure
18 that the severance tax on timber including wood chips and the Forest Fire
19 Protection Tax due to the Forestry Commission is paid.

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21 SECTION 12. During the 1991-93 biennium, positions authorized as
22 Forester I and Aircraft Pilot may be downgraded to Forest Towerman to provide
23 for an orderly transition to complete aerial wildfire detection and
24 reorganization of districts to county units.

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26 SECTION 13. No employee of the State Forestry Commission who begins
27 employment on or after July 1, 1989, shall supervise or work, under the
28 supervision of any person to whom he or she is related within the third degree
29 of affinity or consanguinity.

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31 SECTION 14. In the event the State Forestry Commission determines it
32 can effectively establish and operate a fire reporting and central dispatch
33 system, the Commission is hereby authorized, upon approval of the Chief Fiscal
34 Officer of the State, to transfer the necessary appropriation authorized for
35 "Extra Help" in Section 3 of this Act to "Professional Fees and Services"

1 authorized in Section 3 of this Act.

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3 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the State
4 Forestry Commission, to be payable from the State Forestry Fund, for federal
5 urban forestry matching grants and other services of the State Forestry
6 Commission for the biennial period ending June 30, 1993, the following:

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8 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
9 NO.	1991-92	1992-93
10 (01) FEDERAL URBAN FORESTRY MATCHING GRANTS		
11 AND OTHER SERVICES	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ 200,000</u>

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

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23 SECTION 17. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
24 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
25 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which
26 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
27 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
28 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
29 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
30 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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32 SECTION 18. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and
33 permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and
34 the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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