

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 81st General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1997

A Bill

ACT 201 OF 1997
SENATE BILL 187

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5 By: Senator Bradford
6 By: Representatives Wallis and Ferrell

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO INCREASE THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "AN ACT TO INCREASE THE STATE MINIMUM
14 WAGE."

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

18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 11-4-210(a) is amended to read as follows:

20 "(a)(1) Beginning ~~August 1, 1993~~ July 1, 1997, every employer shall pay
21 each of his employees wages at the rate of not less than ~~four dollars and~~
22 ~~fifteen cents (\$4.15)~~ four dollars and seventy-five cents (\$4.75) per hour
23 except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

24 (2) Beginning ~~July 1, 1994~~ October 1, 1997, every employer shall
25 pay each of his employees wages at the rate of not less than ~~four dollars and~~
26 ~~twenty-five cents (\$4.25)~~ five dollars and fifteen cents (\$5.15) per hour
27 except as otherwise provided in this chapter."

29 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
30 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
31 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

33 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
34 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
35 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
36 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this

1 act are declared to be severable.

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3 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
4 hereby repealed.

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6 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General
7 Assembly that the state minimum wage in Arkansas is unreasonably low; that
8 this act increases the state minimum wage to parallel the federal minimum
9 wage; that this act should go into effect on July 1, 1997; and that unless
10 this emergency clause is adopted the act will not be effective until after
11 July 1, 1997. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this
12 act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
13 and safety shall be in full force and effect beginning July 1, 1997.

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17 APPROVED: 2-18-97

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