

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

1 State of Arkansas
2 81st General Assembly
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A Bill

ACT 209 OF 1997
SENATE BILL 269

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

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9 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND
10 OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATIVE
11 ASSISTANTS OF THE CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY COURTS FOR THE
12 BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1999; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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15 "AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE
16 APPROPRIATION FOR TRIAL COURT
17 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS FOR THE
18 1997-99 BIENNIUM."
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Trial
24 Court Administrative Assistants of the Circuit and Chancery Courts for the
25 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose
26 salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and
27 Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all
28 laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a
29 specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt
30 from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All
31 persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the
32 provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas
33 Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

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Maximum Annual
Maximum Salary Rate

1	Item Class	No. of	Fiscal Years
2	No. Code Title	Employees	1997 98 1998 99
3	(1) TRIAL COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT	105	GRADE 16
4	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	105	

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 6 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor
 7 of State, to be payable from the State Administration of Justice Fund, for
 8 personal services of the Trial Court Administrative Assistants of the Circuit
 9 and Chancery Courts for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the
 10 following:

12	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
13	NO.	1997 98	1998 99
14	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 2,672,800	\$ 2,760,488
15	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	792,797	818,807
16	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 3,465,597</u>	<u>\$ 3,579,295</u>

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 18 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 16-10-133(c) is amended to read as follows:
 19 "(c) The entry level salary of a trial court staff person shall be equal to
 20 that established in the state pay plan at grade 16. No trial court staff
 21 person authorized by this act shall receive a salary from the state in excess
 22 of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); provided, however, that beginning
 23 July 1, 1997, those persons who have reached the maximum salary limit may
 24 receive such increases in salary as are available for other State employees in
 25 positions which have its salary established by the provisions of Arkansas Code
 26 §21-5-201 et seq. ("Uniform Classification and Compensation Act"). A county
 27 or counties shall be authorized to supplement the base salary of any trial
 28 court staff person, when approved by the quorum court."

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 30 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 31 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 32 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 33 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
 34 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 35 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control

1 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the
2 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
3 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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5 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
6 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
7 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which
8 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
9 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
10 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
11 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
12 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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14 SECTION 6. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent
15 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
16 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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18 SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the
19 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such
20 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which
21 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
22 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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24 SECTION 8. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
25 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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27 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
28 Eighty-First General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas
29 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that
30 the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1997 is essential to the operation of
31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
32 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
33 date of this Act beyond July 1, 1997 could work irreparable harm upon the
34 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
35 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being

1 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
2 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1997.

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