

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

Act 693 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

SENATE BILL 681

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5 By: Senate Efficiency

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS
11 SENATE - STAFF FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING
12 JUNE 30, 2007; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE - STAFF
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2005-2007
18 BIENNIUM.

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

23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby established
24 for the Arkansas Senate for the 2005-2007 biennium, the following maximum
25 number of regular employees, the grades to be assigned to the respective
26 positions, and the maximum annual salaries for each such position. The
27 maximum annual salary for the position assigned to grades shall be determined
28 in accordance with, but shall not exceed the maximum annual amount for the
29 grade assigned herein, as established in Arkansas Code 21-5-209. Except for
30 the purpose of determining the maximum annual salary rate, which is to be
31 applicable to each of the positions to which a salary grade is assigned
32 hereinafter, in accordance with the provisions of Arkansas Code 21-5-209, all
33 positions set forth herein shall be exempt from other provisions of the
34 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, but shall not
35 be exempt from the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and



1 Restrictions Act, or its successor.

		Maximum Annual		
		Maximum	Salary Rate	
		No. of	Fiscal Years	
4 Item		Employees	2005-2006	2006-2007
5 No.	Title			
6 (1)	SEN. CHIEF OF STAFF	1	\$101,499	\$103,931
7 (2)	SEC OF THE SENATE/FISCAL OFFICER	1	\$93,850	\$96,186
8 (3)	SEN. CHIEF COUNSEL	1	\$86,200	\$88,441
9 (4)	SEN. PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE 24	
10 (5)	SEN. CONSTITUENCY SVS. COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 24	
11 (6)	SEN. RESEARCH/SPECIAL PROJECTS MGR	1	GRADE 23	GRADE 24
12 (7)	SEN. CONSTITUENT ADVISOR	2	GRADE 22	
13 (8)	SEN. ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE 20	
14 (9)	SEN. LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE 18	
15 (10)	SEN. ADMIN. ASST. TO CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE 18	
16 (11)	SEN. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE 17	
17 (12)	SEN. PROPERTIES OFFICER	<u>1</u>	GRADE 17	
18	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS	13		

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 20 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated,
 21 to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund,
 22 for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Senate - Staff
 23 Services for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the following:

25 ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
26 NO.		2005-2006	2006-2007
27 (01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 747,000	\$ 767,517
28 (02)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	209,160	214,905
29 (03)	MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL OPERATIONS	<u>175,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,131,160</u>	<u>\$ 1,157,422</u>

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 32 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - ORIENTATION. There is hereby appropriated, to
 33 the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for
 34 expenses of the Biennial State Orientation including the payment of per diem
 35 and mileage of members of the Arkansas Senate who attend the Biennial Senate
 36 Orientation program held prior to the convening of the 2007 Regular Session

1 of the General Assembly, the sum of.....\$15,000.

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3 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION AND CARRYOVER. There is hereby
4 appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional
5 Officers Fund or the State Central Services Fund, whichever is appropriate,
6 for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the balance of the
7 appropriations enacted by the Eighty-fifth General Assembly to defray the
8 expenses of the Arkansas Senate of the Eighty-fifth General Assembly, as
9 enacted by Section 1 of Act 2 of 2005; Section 3 of Act 3 of 2003; Sections
10 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Act 1149 of 2003; Act 292 of 2003; Act 2 of the Second
11 Extraordinary Session of 2003, and Act 36 of the Second Extraordinary Session
12 of 2003, in a sum in the aggregate not to exceed.....\$4,800,000.

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14 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - COMPUTERIZATION. There is hereby appropriated,
15 to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund,
16 for expenses necessary in continuing the computerization of the legislative
17 process in the Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.

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19 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS. There is hereby
20 appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central
21 Services Fund, for construction, improvements, renovations and equipping of
22 the Arkansas Senate facilities and other purposes of the Arkansas Senate, the
23 sum of.....\$700,000.

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25 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code 10-2-102 is amended to read as
26 follows:

27 10-2-102. Duties of Secretary of Senate, Senate Chief of Staff, Clerk of
28 House, and other officers.

29 (a) The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of
30 Representatives, with their respective clerical forces, shall perform all
31 duties required in the engrossment and enrollment of bills and all necessary
32 work as clerks of committees.

33 (b) (1) ~~The Secretary of the Senate, the Senate Fiscal Officer, the Senate~~
34 ~~Assistant Fiscal Officer, and the Senate Properties Officer~~ employees of the
35 Senate shall perform such duties during the regular session of the General
36 Assembly and during the interim between the convening of special sessions and

1 the next regular session of the General Assembly as may be provided by the
 2 rules of the Senate or by the Senate Efficiency Committee, subject to the
 3 approval of the Senate.

4 (2) The Senate Chief of Staff shall be appointed by the Senate Efficiency
 5 Committee subject to the approval of the Senate.

6 (3) The Senate Chief of Staff shall hereafter perform all duties imposed
 7 upon the Secretary of the Senate by law with respect to contingent expenses,
 8 contracts, procurement, and the inventory report to the Secretary of State.

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 10 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code 10-2-125 is amended to read
 11 as follows:

12 10-2-125. Employees and officers.

13 (a) The House Management Committee with the approval of the Speaker of the
 14 House of Representatives may employ at its discretion House employees and may
 15 transfer or discharge any employee if it is deemed for the best interest of
 16 the House of Representatives.

17 (b)(1)~~(A)~~ The Senate Efficiency Committee at its discretion and subject to
 18 the approval of the Senate may employ, transfer, or discharge Senate
 19 employees if it is determined by the committee to be in the best interest of
 20 the Senate.

21 ~~(B)(2)~~ The actual salaries to be paid to employees of the Senate shall be
 22 determined by the Senate Efficiency Committee within the funds,
 23 appropriations, and maximum annual salaries as may be available.

24 ~~-(2) The Senate Fiscal Officer, the Senate Assistant Fiscal Officer, the~~
 25 ~~Secretary of the Senate, and the Senate Properties Officer shall report~~
 26 ~~directly to and be responsible directly to the Senate Efficiency Committee,~~
 27 ~~subject to the approval of the Senate.~~

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 29 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
 31 FORWARD. Any balance remaining on ~~June 30, 2004~~ June 30, 2006 in the
 32 appropriation provided by Section 2 of this Act ~~for Maintenance and General~~
 33 ~~Operations~~ shall be carried forward and made available for the fiscal year
 34 ending ~~June 30, 2005~~ June 30, 2007 for the same purposes.

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 36 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 2 TRANSFERS. If the Senate Efficiency Committee and the Senate Fiscal Officer,
 3 subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate, should determine that any
 4 item or portion thereof appropriated herein for a specific purpose is not
 5 needed for such purpose, the Senate Fiscal Officer may certify such fact to
 6 the State Auditor and the State Auditor shall cause a transfer to be made
 7 from one item to another.

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9 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
 10 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
 11 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
 12 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 13 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 14 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 15 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 16 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 17 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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28 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 29 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 30 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
 31 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2005 is essential to the operation of
 32 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 33 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
 34 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2005 could work irreparable harm upon the
 35 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
 36 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, 2005.

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