

**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 286 of the Regular Session**

1 State of Arkansas
2 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 609

5 By: Senate Efficiency
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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, 2009; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE - STAFF
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2007-2009
17 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 - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby established
24 for the Arkansas Senate for the 2007-2009 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.

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| Item No. | Title | Maximum No. of Employees | Maximum Annual Salary Rate | |
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| (1) | SEC OF SENATE/COOR OF LEG SERVICES | 1 | \$97,674 | \$99,627 |
| (2) | SEN. CHIEF COUNSEL | 1 | \$90,210 | \$92,014 |
| (3) | SEN. PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER | 1 | \$73,789 | \$75,265 |
| (4) | SEN. CONSTITUENCY SVS. COORDINATOR | 1 | \$66,665 | \$67,998 |
| (5) | SEN. RESEARCH/SPECIAL PROJECTS MGR | 1 | \$60,690 | \$61,904 |
| (6) | SEN. CONSTITUENT ADVISOR | 2 | \$59,522 | \$60,713 |
| (7) | SEN. FISCAL OFFICER | 1 | \$53,958 | \$55,037 |
| (8) | SEN. PROPERTIES OFFICER | 1 | \$43,891 | \$44,768 |
| (9) | SEN. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT | 1 | \$32,519 | \$33,169 |
| (10) | SEN. ADMIN. ASST./CONSTITUENT SERV. | 1 | \$27,709 | \$28,264 |
| (11) | SEN. LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT | <u>1</u> | \$27,709 | \$28,264 |
| MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | | 12 | | |

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, 2009, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEARS | |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 |
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$ 893,858 | \$ 907,735 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING | 268,157 | 272,320 |
| (03) MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL OPERATIONS | <u>175,000</u> | <u>175,000</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$ 1,337,015</u> | <u>\$ 1,355,055</u> |

31 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - ORIENTATION. There is hereby appropriated, to
 32 the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for
 33 expenses of the Biennial State Orientation including the payment of per diem
 34 and mileage of members of the Arkansas Senate who attend the Biennial Senate
 35 Orientation program held prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Session
 36 of the General Assembly, the sum of.....\$15,000.

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SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION AND CARRYOVER. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund or the State Central Services Fund, whichever is appropriate, for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the balance of the appropriations enacted by the Eighty-sixth General Assembly to defray the expenses of the Arkansas Senate of the Eighty-sixth General Assembly, as enacted by Section 1 of Act 1 of 2007; Section 3 of Act 3 of 2005; Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Act 693 of 2005, in a sum in the aggregate not to exceed\$4,800,000.

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

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

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

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

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

(b) (1) The employees of the Senate shall perform such duties during the regular session of the General Assembly and during the interim between the convening of special sessions and the next regular session of the General Assembly as may be provided by the rules of the Senate or by the Senate Efficiency Committee, subject to the approval of the Senate.

~~(2) The Senate Chief of Staff shall be appointed by the Senate Efficiency~~

1 ~~Committee subject to the approval of the Senate.~~

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

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6 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
8 FORWARD. Any balance remaining on ~~June 30, 2006~~ June 30, 2008 in the
9 appropriation provided by Section 2 of this Act shall be carried forward and
10 made available for the fiscal year ending ~~June 30, 2007~~ June 30, 2009 for the
11 same purposes.

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13 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
14 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
15 TRANSFERS. If the Senate Efficiency Committee and the Senate Fiscal Officer,
16 subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate, should determine that any
17 item or portion thereof appropriated herein for a specific purpose is not
18 needed for such purpose, the Senate Fiscal Officer may certify such fact to
19 the State Auditor and the State Auditor shall cause a transfer to be made
20 from one item to another.

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22 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
23 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SALARIES.
24 In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and
25 retained, the Senate may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than
26 twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-third (1/3) of the positions
27 authorized in their biennial operation appropriation act, and may exceed the
28 maximum salary levels for the purpose of merit adjustments for all positions.

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30 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
31 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
32 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
33 restrictions of the State Procurement 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
36 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
2 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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13 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
14 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
15 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
16 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of
17 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
18 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
19 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the
20 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
21 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
22 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
23 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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25 APPROVED: 3/16/2007
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