State of Arkansas
91st General Assembly
Regular Session, 2017

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT
OF THE LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT OF
THE LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2017-2018 FISCAL
YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for Arkansas
Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee for the 2017-
2018 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

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SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the following:

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$28,109,627 $7,832,220 $3,914,400 $343,000 $760,000 $200,000 $0 $41,159,247

SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION - LINE ITEMS. The Legislative Auditor is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer appropriation between the line items of the Operations appropriation in this Act in such
amounts determined necessary. In no event, however, shall the Regular
Salaries line item in the Operations appropriation be increased or decreased
by such transfers authorized herein, until the Legislative Council or Joint
Budget Committee reviews such transfers.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2016

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SALARIES.
Employees of Arkansas Legislative Audit shall be eligible for cost-of-living
increases on July 1, in an amount equal to that granted to all other state
agency, board, commission or institution of higher education employees on
those dates. Any additional adjustments in annual salary rates for employees,
labor market adjustments, merit pay adjustments or employee retention or
recruitment requirements shall be made at the discretion of the Legislative
Auditor. In addition, the Legislative Auditor may implement a merit program
to reward employees for exceptional service. The plan shall be approved by
the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee prior to its implementation. In
order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and
retained, Arkansas Legislative Audit may exceed the maximum salary levels by
no more than twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-third (1/3) of the
positions authorized in the appropriation act after receiving approval from
the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Salary payments
in accordance with this section shall not be restricted to maximum amounts
authorized by law.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2016

SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDS.
In the event Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing
Committee should receive any funds in connection with performing their duties
as prescribed by the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act, such funds shall be
deposited into the State Central Services Fund to be utilized solely by
Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee in
performing such duties.

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The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 4, Subchapter 4, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

10-4-428. Employment of outside legal counsel.
(a) Arkansas Legislative Audit may employ outside legal counsel as deemed necessary by the Legislative Auditor after receiving prior approval of the executive committee of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee.
(b) If the executive committee of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee approves the employment of outside legal counsel by Arkansas Legislative Audit, no additional approval is required.

SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2017 is essential to the operation of
the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, with the
exception that Section 6 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from
and after the date of its passage and approval, and that in the event of an
extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this
Act beyond July 1, 2017, with the exception that Section 6 in this Act shall
be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and
approval, could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and
provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is
hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate
preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force
and effect from and after July 1, 2017, with the exception that Section 6 in
this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its
passage and approval.

/s/Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: BECAME LAW ON 03/29/2017 WITHOUT THE GOVERNOR’S SIGNATURE.