State of Arkansas  
92nd General Assembly  
Regular Session, 2019  

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, 2020; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.  

Subtitle  
AN ACT FOR ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT OF  
THE LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL  
YEAR.  

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee for  
the 2019-2020 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 the Arkansas Legislative Audit of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

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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 Office 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, 2018

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, 2018

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.
The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

SECTION 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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, 2019 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2019 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, 2019.

APPROVED: 2/11/19