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HOUSE BILL 1097

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC
SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-
2026 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - UTILITIES DIVISION. There is hereby
established for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Utilities Division
for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular
employees.

				Maximum Annual
				Salary Rate
				Fiscal Year
Item	Class		Maximum	
No.	Code	Title	No. of	2025-2026
			Employees	
(1)	U005U	PSC CHAIRMAN	1	GRADE SE03
(2)	U004U	PSC COMMISSIONER	2	GRADE SE01
(3)	U050U	PSC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(4)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
(5)	D030C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	2	GRADE IT07



1	(6)	D054C COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05
2	(7)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
3	(8)	G003N PSC CHIEF ADMIN LAW JUDGE	1	GRADE GS15
4	(9)	B145C DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING	1	GRADE GS14
5	(10)	G011N PSC ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE	4	GRADE GS14
6	(11)	G006N PSC CHIEF COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS14
7	(12)	G343C PSC CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE GS14
8	(13)	X001C PSC DIR OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES SECT	1	GRADE GS14
9	(14)	N043N PSC DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL ANALYSIS	1	GRADE GS14
10	(15)	P080C PSC DIRECTOR OF TELECOMM & CONSUMER	1	GRADE GS14
11	(16)	A129C PSC QUALITY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
12	(17)	A130C PSC RATES & DEMAND RESOURCES DIR	1	GRADE GS14
13	(18)	G278C PSC RESEARCH & POLICY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
14	(19)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS13
15	(20)	G025C ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS12
16	(21)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
17	(22)	A013C PSC DIRECTOR OF REVENUE REQUIREMENTS	1	GRADE GS12
18	(23)	G299C PSC ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
19	(24)	A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
20	(25)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS11
21	(26)	B023C ENGINEER, P.E.	2	GRADE GS11
22	(27)	X033C PSC SENIOR PUBLIC UTILITY AUDITOR	4	GRADE GS11
23	(28)	A028C PSC SENIOR RATE CASE ANALYST	8	GRADE GS11
24	(29)	G073C ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS10
25	(30)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
26	(31)	A046C PSC RATE CASE ANALYST	13	GRADE GS09
27	(32)	X064C PSC PUBLIC UTILITY AUDITOR	5	GRADE GS08
28	(33)	G164C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE COMM	1	GRADE GS07
29	(34)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
30	(35)	A065C PAYROLL SERVICES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
31	(36)	X218C PSC COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATOR SUPER	1	GRADE GS07
32	(37)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE GS06
33	(38)	G123C PSC CLERK	1	GRADE GS06
34	(39)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
35	(40)	C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
36	(41)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04

(42)	X167C COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATOR	<u>7</u>	GRADE GS04
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	91	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - UTILITIES DIVISION. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Utilities Division for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - UTILITIES DIVISION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, to be payable from the Public Service Commission Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Utilities Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,808,557
(02) EXTRA HELP	14,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,287,548
(04) OVERTIME	5,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,070,597
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	78,922
(C) PROF. FEES	10,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) BUILDING REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	24,319
(07) FED REGULATORY SERVICES	290,575
(08) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	998,000
(09) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>138,856</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$11,726,374</u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - TAX DIVISION. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Tax Division for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
No.	Code Title		
(1)	N071N PSC TAX DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
(2)	A019C PSC TAX DIVISION ASSISTANT DIR	1	GRADE GS11
(3)	G268C PSC MOTOR CARRIER ASST DIV DIR	1	GRADE GS10
(4)	A038C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(5)	A047C FINANCIAL ANALYST II	1	GRADE GS08
(6)	A076C FINANCE PROGRAM ANALYST	1	GRADE GS07
(7)	A064C PSC TAX VALUATION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
(8)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(9)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(10)	A095C PSC TAX DIV VALUATION ANALYST	<u>6</u>	GRADE GS03
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	15	

SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - TAX DIVISION. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Tax Division for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - TAX DIVISION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, to be payable from the Tax Division Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Tax Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
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1	NO.	2025-2026
2	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$766,834
3	(02) EXTRA HELP	38,238
4	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	299,096
5	(04) OVERTIME	5,000
6	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
7	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	194,472
8	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,500
9	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
10	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
11	(E) DATA PROC.	0
12	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,424,140</u>

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14 SECTION 7. REGULAR SALARIES - PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM. There is hereby
15 established for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Pipeline Safety
16 Program for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
17 regular employees.

19		Maximum Annual
20	Maximum	Salary Rate
21	No. of	Fiscal Year
22	Item Class	
	No. Code Title	Employees
23	(1) N248N PSC DIRECTOR OF PIPELINE SAFETY	1
24	(2) G341C PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM MANAGER	1
25	(3) X216C PSC PIPELINE SAFETY COORDINATOR	7
26	(4) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	<u>1</u>
27	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	10

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29 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM. There is hereby
30 appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, to be payable from
31 the Public Service Commission Utility Safety Fund, for personal services and
32 operating expenses of the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Pipeline
33 Safety Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	NO.	2025-2026

1	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$692,707
2	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	238,384
3	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
4	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	105,714
5	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,620
6	(C) PROF. FEES	2,229
7	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	175,440
8	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,240,094</u>

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11 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 13 REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The proceeds from the reimbursement of travel expenses
 14 received by the Public Service Commission, shall be deposited into the same
 15 State Treasury Fund or Fund Account from which the original travel
 16 expenditure was incurred as a refund to expenditure to the credit of the
 17 appropriation from which the original expenditure was made.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024
 19 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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21 SECTION 10. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 22 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 23 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 24 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 25 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 26 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 27 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 28 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 29 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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31 SECTION 11. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 32 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 33 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 34 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 35 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 36 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

1 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
2 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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4 SECTION 12. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
5 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
6 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
7 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
8 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
9 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
10 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
11 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
12 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
13 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
14 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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