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## A Bill

SENATE BILL 81

By: Joint Budget Committee

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,  
HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS AND TOURISM  
DIVISIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,  
HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS AND  
TOURISM DIVISIONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE  
2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism  
Divisions for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of  
regular employees.

				Maximum Annual
				Salary Rate
				Fiscal Year
Item	Class		No. of	
No.	Code	Title	Employees	2025-2026
(1)	U068U	ADPHT PARKS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(2)	U067U	ADPHT TOURISM DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(3)	N223N	ADPHT PARKS DIV DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
(4)	S001C	ADPHT PARKS OPERATIONS MGR	1	GRADE GS12



1	(5)	G037C ADPHT PARKS PLANNING & DEV MGR	1	GRADE GS12
2	(6)	B015C ENGINEER SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS12
3	(7)	B020C ADPHT REGIONAL PARK SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE GS11
4	(8)	B023C ENGINEER, P.E.	1	GRADE GS11
5	(9)	G076C ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	2	GRADE GS10
6	(10)	A036C ADPHT REVENUE OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
7	(11)	T116C EMERGENCY SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS10
8	(12)	B027C PARK SUPERINTENDENT V	5	GRADE GS10
9	(13)	G078C ADPHT PROGRAM SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS09
10	(14)	C100C ADPHT RESEARCH PROJECT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
11	(15)	B042C ENGINEER	1	GRADE GS09
12	(16)	B021C LICENSED ARCHITECT	1	GRADE GS09
13	(17)	G095C LODGE MANAGER	3	GRADE GS09
14	(18)	B031C PARK SUPERINTENDENT IV	14	GRADE GS09
15	(19)	T042C ADPHT CHIEF RANGER	1	GRADE GS08
16	(20)	G105C ADPHT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
17	(21)	C101C ADPHT WELCOME CENTER ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS08
18	(22)	B032C CHIEF PARK PLANNER	1	GRADE GS08
19	(23)	P010C EXHIBITS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS08
20	(24)	S003C FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS08
21	(25)	S004C MAINTENANCE MANAGER	3	GRADE GS08
22	(26)	G079C OUTDOOR REC GRANTS PRGM DIR	1	GRADE GS08
23	(27)	B048C PARK SUPERINTENDENT III	24	GRADE GS08
24	(28)	G165C ADPHT SPECIALTY OPERATIONS MANAGER	3	GRADE GS07
25	(29)	S015C ASST LODGE MANAGER	3	GRADE GS07
26	(30)	P016C CURATOR	4	GRADE GS07
27	(31)	S017C MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	4	GRADE GS07
28	(32)	P030C MUSEUM EXHIBIT PROGRAM SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS07
29	(33)	B075C PARK PLANNER	7	GRADE GS07
30	(34)	B071C PARK SUPERINTENDENT II	30	GRADE GS07
31	(35)	P020C PRODUCTION ARTIST	2	GRADE GS07
32	(36)	P068C RADIO PRODUCER	1	GRADE GS07
33	(37)	X077C REAL ESTATE OFFICER	1	GRADE GS07
34	(38)	C003C STADIUM COMMISSION MARKETING/EVENT MGR	1	GRADE GS07
35	(39)	P025C SUPERVISOR OF INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS	1	GRADE GS07
36	(40)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06

1	(41)	P034C ADPHT CONSULTANT	2	GRADE GS06
2	(42)	P041C COMMERCIAL GRAPHIC ARTIST	1	GRADE GS06
3	(43)	A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS06
4	(44)	P049C GRAPHIC ARTIST	1	GRADE GS06
5	(45)	P040C HISTORICAL RESEARCHER	1	GRADE GS06
6	(46)	G206C LODGE SALES DIRECTOR	6	GRADE GS06
7	(47)	S033C MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	9	GRADE GS06
8	(48)	P028C PARK INTERPRETER II	13	GRADE GS06
9	(49)	G205C PARK PROGRAM SPECIALIST	4	GRADE GS06
10	(50)	T056C PARK RANGER II	20	GRADE GS06
11	(51)	B085C PARK SUPERINTENDENT I	12	GRADE GS06
12	(52)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
13	(53)	S014C RESTAURANT MANAGER	5	GRADE GS06
14	(54)	S022C SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	7	GRADE GS06
15	(55)	C036C ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
16	(56)	C096C ADPHT OFFICE MANAGER III	7	GRADE GS05
17	(57)	C027C ADPHT WELCOME CENTER MANAGER II	7	GRADE GS05
18	(58)	S048C ASST RESTAURANT MANAGER	5	GRADE GS05
19	(59)	X129C CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR	3	GRADE GS05
20	(60)	B090C ENGINEER TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS05
21	(61)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
22	(62)	C047C FRONT DESK SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE GS05
23	(63)	S049C LODGE HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR	4	GRADE GS05
24	(64)	P035C PARK INTERPRETER	29	GRADE GS05
25	(65)	T063C PARK RANGER	5	GRADE GS05
26	(66)	S031C SKILLED TRADESMAN	19	GRADE GS05
27	(67)	C008C STADIUM COMMISSION OFFICE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS05
28	(68)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	9	GRADE GS04
29	(69)	S104C ADPHT HOUSEKEEPER SUPERVISOR	11	GRADE GS04
30	(70)	C039C ADPHT OFFICE MANAGER II	41	GRADE GS04
31	(71)	C091C ADPHT WELCOME CENTER MANAGER I	7	GRADE GS04
32	(72)	T079C FACILITY MANAGER II	17	GRADE GS04
33	(73)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
34	(74)	A102C FISCAL SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	8	GRADE GS04
35	(75)	S044C FOOD PREPARATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS04
36	(76)	S052C HEAVY EQUIPMENT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS04

1	(77)	R036C HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS04
2	(78)	S047C LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS04
3	(79)	S046C MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	57	GRADE GS04
4	(80)	C043C RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS04
5	(81)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	13	GRADE GS03
6	(82)	S103C ADPHT HOUSEKEEPER	15	GRADE GS03
7	(83)	C067C ADPHT WELCOME CENTER ASSISTANT MANAGER	13	GRADE GS03
8	(84)	P054C ASST LODGE SALES DIRECTOR	3	GRADE GS03
9	(85)	S058C EQUIPMENT MECHANIC	1	GRADE GS03
10	(86)	T085C FACILITY MANAGER I	27	GRADE GS03
11	(87)	S056C FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS03
12	(88)	S057C LANDSCAPE SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS03
13	(89)	S059C LODGE COOK	18	GRADE GS03
14	(90)	S050C MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	52	GRADE GS03
15	(91)	P056C MUSEUM PROGRAM ASSISTANT II	2	GRADE GS03
16	(92)	S054C PRINTER	1	GRADE GS03
17	(93)	C068C RETAIL SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS03
18	(94)	T087C SECURITY OFFICER	1	GRADE GS03
19	(95)	C086C DESK CLERK	25	GRADE GS02
20	(96)	S068C FOOD PREPARATION COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS02
21	(97)	S085C FOOD PREPARATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS02
22	(98)	S066C LANDSCAPE TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE GS02
23	(99)	P064C MUSEUM PROGRAM ASSISTANT I	4	GRADE GS02
24	(100)	P055C SPECIAL EVENTS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS02
25	(101)	P061C TRAVEL CONSULTANT	19	GRADE GS02
26	(102)	S089C FOOD PREPARATION TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE GS01
27	(103)	S065C MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT	29	GRADE GS01
28	(104)	S090C WAITRESS/WAITER	<u>12</u>	GRADE GS01
29		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	726	

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31       SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department  
32 of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions for the  
33 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary  
34 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated  
35 herein for such purposes: eight hundred seven (807) temporary or part-time  
36 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 - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the Parks and Tourism Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$12,569,422
(02) EXTRA HELP	2,500
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	5,483,877
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) TOURISM/MUSEUM GRANTS	30,000
(06) CONFERENCE-DAC	<u>100</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$18,085,899</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - RETIREMENT AND RELOCATION PROMOTION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the Tourism Development Trust Fund, for operating and advertising expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Retirement and Relocation Promotion Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,000

(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	10,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) ADVERTISING EXPENSE	<u>898,619</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$968,619</u></u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CONSERVATION TAX OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism Fund Account, from proceeds derived from the Conservation Tax levied by Amendment 75 of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Conservation Tax Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,699,677
(02) EXTRA HELP	2,134,077
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,357,472
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	16,394,284
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	613,894
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	3,500,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CONSTRUCTION	45,874,272
(06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u>4,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$83,573,676</u></u>

SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - KEEP ARKANSAS BEAUTIFUL - CONSERVATION TAX OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Keep Arkansas Beautiful - Conservation Tax Operations for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

			Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Code	Title	Employees
			2025-2026
(1)	G167C	KEEP ARKANSAS BEAUTIFUL DIRECTOR	1
(2)	G176C	VOLUNTEER PROGRAM MANAGER	1
(3)	S050C	MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES			3

SECTION 7. EXTRA HELP - KEEP ARKANSAS BEAUTIFUL - CONSERVATION TAX OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Keep Arkansas Beautiful - Conservation Tax Operations 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: one (1) temporary or part-time employee, 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 8. APPROPRIATION - KEEP ARKANSAS BEAUTIFUL - CONSERVATION TAX OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Fund Account, from proceeds derived from the Conservation Tax levied by Amendment 75 of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Keep Arkansas Beautiful - Conservation Tax Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$138,924
(02) EXTRA HELP	6,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	55,401
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	88,937

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
2	(C) PROF. FEES	125,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(05) KAB GRANTS	40,000
6	(06) ADVERTISING EXPENSE	<u>600,000</u>
7	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,059,262</u></u>

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## 9 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - MUSEUM OF NATURAL RESOURCES - SPECIAL

10 REVENUE FUND OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of  
 11 Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the Arkansas Museum of  
 12 Natural Resources Fund, for personal services of the Department of Parks,  
 13 Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Museum of Natural  
 14 Resources - Special Revenue Fund Operations for the fiscal year ending June  
 15 30, 2026, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
19	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$76,932
20	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>33,736</u>
21	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$110,668</u></u>

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## 23 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - TOURISM PROMOTION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

24 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks,  
 25 Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the Tourism Development Trust Fund,  
 26 for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Parks,  
 27 Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Tourism Promotion  
 28 - Special Revenue Fund Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,  
 29 the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
33	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$283,677
34	(02) EXTRA HELP	27,502
35	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	123,625
36	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	



1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,222,977
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	41,570
3	(C) PROF. FEES	2,246,280
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	125,000
5	(E) DATA PROC.	0
6	(05) TOURIST PROMOTION	2,922,000
7	(06) ADVERTISING EXPENSE	24,260,050
8	(07) SMALL FESTIVAL EXPENSES, ADVERTISING	
9	& GRANTS	<u>150,000</u>
10	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$33,402,681</u>

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12 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS PROGRAM. There

13 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to

14 be payable from the Parks and Tourism Outdoor Recreation Grants Fund, for

15 personal services, operating expenses, and outdoor recreation grants of the

16 Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism

17 Divisions - Outdoor Recreation Grants Program for the fiscal year ending June

18 30, 2026, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
22	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$166,707
23	(02) EXTRA HELP	25,210
24	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	72,789
25	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
26	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	37,020
27	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
28	(C) PROF. FEES	0
29	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
30	(E) DATA PROC.	0
31	(05) OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS	<u>9,716,374</u>
32	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,023,100</u>

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34 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - SCORP PROGRAM - FEDERAL FUND OPERATIONS.

35 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and

36 Tourism, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief

Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and outdoor recreation grants of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$34,232
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,100
(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS	<u>8,308,402</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,448,734</u></u>

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - PARKS - CASH FUND OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Parks - Cash Fund Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$9,762,112
(02) EXTRA HELP	6,565,923
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,518,730
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	11,566,526
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	34,000
(C) PROF. FEES	2,000,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	500,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CONSTRUCTION	500,000

1	(06) RESALE (COGS)	5,564,961
2	(07) DEBT SERVICE	0
3	(08) CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	<u>486,177</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$41,498,429</u></u>

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6 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM. There is hereby

7 appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be

8 payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services,

9 operating expenses, major maintenance, renovation of facilities and

10 scoreboards, and repairs of War Memorial Stadium of the Department of Parks,

11 Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions for the fiscal year

12 ending June 30, 2026, the following:

14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
16	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$304,119
17	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	118,893
18	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	12,198
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
21	(C) PROF. FEES	0
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
24	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$435,210</u></u>

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26 SECTION 15. EXTRA HELP - WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM - CASH FUND OPERATIONS.

27 There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Parks, Heritage, and

28 Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - War Memorial Stadium - Cash

29 Fund Operations for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number

30 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable

31 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred forty-four

32 (144) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to

33 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or

34 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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36 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM - CASH FUND

OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - War Memorial Stadium - Cash Fund Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$82,348
(02) EXTRA HELP	144,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	47,715
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	921,088
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) RESALE (COGS)	213,000
(06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,508,151</u></u>

#### SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - DELTA HERITAGE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Delta Heritage Trail Construction Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) CONSTRUCTION	<u><u>\$37,880,862</u></u>

#### SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL  
2 MAINTENANCE. The funds appropriated in the Conservation Tax Operations  
3 appropriation section of this act for the Division of Arkansas State Parks  
4 Special Maintenance shall be expended, after receiving prior approval by the  
5 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, for a special  
6 maintenance program for the Park System. The funds provided will be used for  
7 repair and upkeep of parks and museum facilities that have been deferred due  
8 to lack of funds in the individual budgets of the parks and museums.

9 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of  
10 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year  
11 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by  
12 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and  
13 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by  
14 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly  
15 has determined that the Division of Arkansas State Parks may operate more  
16 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Parks,  
17 Heritage, and Tourism authorizing broad powers under this section. Therefore,  
18 it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain  
19 oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint  
20 Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by  
21 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of  
22 this section or the Special Maintenance line item. If the requirement of  
23 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled  
24 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section  
25 and the Special Maintenance line item in the Conservation Tax Operations  
26 appropriation section is void.

27 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024  
28 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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30 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CASH  
32 PRIZES - STATE PARKS. The Division of Arkansas State Parks is hereby  
33 authorized to award merchandise, gift certificates, and cash prizes to  
34 contestants in various special events authorized by the Division Director of  
35 the Division of Arkansas State Parks. Such prizes may be awarded to the 1st,  
36 2nd, and 3rd prize winners and shall be payable from the maintenance and

1 operation line item of the Parks - Cash Fund Operations appropriation  
2 section. The cash prizes, in aggregate, for all contests, shall not exceed  
3 \$10,000 per fiscal year.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
5 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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7 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
9 MISSISSIPPI RIVER DOMESTIC - INTERNATIONAL MARKETING PLAN. Of the funds  
10 appropriated to the Division of Arkansas Tourism - Great River Road for  
11 operating expenses in the State Operations appropriation section of this act,  
12 up to \$15,000 each year is authorized to be utilized for the implementation  
13 of the Mississippi River Domestic - International Marketing Plan.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
15 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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17 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
18 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SMALL  
19 FESTIVAL FUNDING. The General Assembly acknowledges the economic benefits of  
20 festivals which attract visitors and stimulate the growth of tourism and  
21 businesses statewide.

22 Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rules and regulations  
23 promulgated by the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism to the  
24 contrary, the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism shall dedicate,  
25 commit, and budget annually one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000)  
26 from the 2% tourism tax credited to the Tourism Development Trust Fund for  
27 expense, advertising, marketing, or grants for small festivals in Arkansas  
28 communities of less than 10,500 people. Any funds not granted out in a  
29 fiscal year shall be available for other tourism promotion efforts.

30 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
31 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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33 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA  
35 HELP. The Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism may utilize their  
36 authorized extra-help positions and contract labor event staff up to a

1 maximum of one thousand eight hundred (1,800) hours during seasonal events at  
2 War Memorial Stadium. The rates of pay may not exceed those provided in the  
3 Uniform Classification Act, or its successor, for the appropriate  
4 classification.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024  
6 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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8 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

10 PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. The Division of Arkansas State Parks  
11 and Tourism is hereby authorized to purchase from Maintenance and General  
12 Operations appropriations provided by this Act, up to an amount not to exceed  
13 \$75,000 each fiscal year, promotional and educational merchandise, authorized  
14 by the Secretary of the Department of Arkansas Parks, Heritage, and Tourism,  
15 to inform the public of the Division's programs, to promote the functions of  
16 the Division, and to inform the public regarding services provided by the  
17 Division.

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

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21 SECTION 24. 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 25. 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 26. 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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