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SENATE BILL 55

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
11 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
17 YEAR.
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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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
24 for the Arkansas Supreme Court for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following
25 maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2026-2027
31	(1)	Q009N SUPREME COURT CLERK	1	GRADE EXE01
32	(2)	Q021C APPELLATE REVIEW ATTORNEY II	2	GRADE SPC07
33	(3)	Q011C CRIMINAL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC07
34	(4)	Q072C FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE SPC07
35	(5)	Q010C LIBRARY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC07
36	(6)	Q035C SUPREME COURT LAW CLERK	14	GRADE SPC07



1	(7)	Q012C	SUPREME COURT REPORTER	1	GRADE SPC07
2	(8)	Q217C	DEPUTY CRIMINAL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC06
3	(9)	Q037C	ASSISTANT CRIMINAL COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SPC05
4	(10)	Q036C	CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SPC05
5	(11)	Q038C	DEPUTY REPORTER	1	GRADE SPC05
6	(12)	Q083C	COMMUNICATIONS COUNSEL	1	GRADE SPC04
7	(13)	Q288C	SUPREME COURT HUMAN RESOURCE COORD	1	GRADE SGS11
8	(14)	Q108C	FINANCIAL SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS09
9	(15)	Q116C	JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	6	GRADE SGS09
10	(16)	Q091C	JUDICIAL CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ASST	1	GRADE SGS09
11	(17)	Q109C	RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE SGS09
12	(18)	Q107C	ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SGS08
13	(19)	Q122C	DATA RESEARCH ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS08
14	(20)	Q228C	DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SGS08
15	(21)	Q090C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO CLERK	1	GRADE SGS08
16	(22)	Q192C	PUBLIC SERVICE LIBRARIAN	1	GRADE SGS08
17	(23)	Q124C	LIBRARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
18	(24)	Q125C	SUPREME COURT POLICE OFFICER	5	GRADE LES04
19	(25)	Q051C	NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IST10
20	(26)	Q263C	APPELLATE AUTOMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST08
21	(27)	Q106C	DATA POLICY MANAGER	1	GRADE IST08
22	(28)	Q371C	SUPREME COURT POLICE CHIEF	<u>1</u>	GRADE LES05
23			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	52	

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25 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 26 the Arkansas Supreme Court for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following
 27 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 28 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5)
 29 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 30 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 31 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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33 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 34 to the Arkansas Supreme Court, to be payable from the State Central Services
 35 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Supreme
 36 Court for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,692,330
(02)	EXTRA HELP	30,000
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,484,130
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	417,765
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	55,000
	(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	112,000
	(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05)	ARKANSAS REPORTS	229,477
(06)	COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS	195,000
(07)	COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES	20,000
(08)	SPECIAL JUSTICES	5,500
(09)	JUDICIAL EDUCATION	100,000
(10)	RECORDS MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY	<u>300,000</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,666,202</u></u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - SUPREME COURT BAR OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Supreme Court - Bar of Arkansas for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	Q057N	SUPREME COURT DIRECTOR OF OPC	1	GRADE EXE01
(2)	Q058N	SUPREME COURT DIRECTOR OF OPP	1	GRADE EXE01
(3)	Q059N	SUPREME COURT DEP DIRECTOR OF OPC	1	GRADE SPC08
(4)	Q268C	SUPREME COURT ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE SPC07
(5)	Q269C	SUPREME COURT ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SPC06
(6)	Q200C	SUPREME COURT DIRECTOR OF AJC	1	GRADE SPC06
(7)	Q201C	SUPREME COURT DIRECTOR OF JLAP	1	GRADE SPC06
(8)	Q199C	SUPREME COURT SENIOR STAFF ATTY OPC	1	GRADE SPC06

1	(9)	Q204C	SUPREME COURT DEPUTY DIRECTOR JLAP	1	GRADE SPC05
2	(10)	Q202C	SUPREME COURT STAFF ATTORNEY OPC	2	GRADE SPC05
3	(11)	Q229C	SUPREME COURT PROGRAM COORD AJC	1	GRADE SPC04
4	(12)	Q264C	HELP DESK APPLICATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS11
5	(13)	Q207C	SUPREME COURT LICENSING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SGS11
6	(14)	Q301C	SUPREME COURT PROGRAM COORD OPP II	1	GRADE SGS11
7	(15)	Q270C	SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASST/PARALEGAL	1	GRADE SGS09
8	(16)	Q206C	SUPREME COURT FINANCIAL SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS09
9	(17)	Q208C	SUPREME COURT PARALEGAL OPC	1	GRADE SGS09
10	(18)	Q203C	SUPREME COURT PROGRAM COORD OPP I	1	GRADE SGS08
11	(19)	Q211C	SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT AJC	1	GRADE SGS07
12	(20)	Q297C	SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT OPC	1	GRADE SGS07
13	(21)	Q210C	SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT OPP	2	GRADE SGS07
14	(22)	Q209C	SUPREME COURT INVESTIGATOR OPC	1	GRADE SGS07
15	(23)	Q230C	SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASST JLAP	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS06
16			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	25	

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18 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - SUPREME COURT BAR OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby
 19 authorized, for the Arkansas Supreme Court for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 20 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 21 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five
 22 (5) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 23 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 24 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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26 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - SUPREME COURT BAR OF ARKANSAS. There is
 27 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Supreme Court, to be payable from cash
 28 funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for personal services and
 29 operating expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
33	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,888,551
34	(02) EXTRA HELP	20,000
35	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	633,330
36	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	750,000
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	181,700
3	(C) PROF. FEES	420,000
4	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	75,000
5	(E) DATA PROC.	0
6	(05) CONSTRUCTION	75,000
7	(06) REFUNDS/INVESTMENTS/TRANSFERS	<u>1,690,000</u>
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,733,581</u></u>

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

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

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29 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 30 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 31 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
 33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 34 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 35 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
 36 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

1 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
2 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
3 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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5 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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