

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1044

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 COURT OF
11 APPEALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS
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 Court of Appeals for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
25 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
31	(1) Q017N	CHIEF STAFF ATTORNEY	1	GRADE EXE02
32	(2) Q033C	LAW CLERK	24	GRADE SPC07
33	(3) Q013C	STAFF ATTORNEY	3	GRADE SPC07
34	(4) Q034C	CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SPC05
35	(5) Q087C	DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC05
36	(6) Q099C	FINANCE OFFICER	1	GRADE SGS09



1	(7)	Q112C	JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	12	GRADE SGS09
2	(8)	Q098C	ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SGS08
3	(9)	Q119C	DEPUTY CLERK	3	GRADE SGS07
4	(10)	Q111C	JUDICIAL ADMIN ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
5	(11)	Q100C	RECORDS MANAGER	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
6			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	49	

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8 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for

9 the Arkansas Court of Appeals for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following

10 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra

11 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2)

12 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed

13 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its

14 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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16 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,

17 to the Arkansas Court of Appeals, to be payable from the State Central

18 Services Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, special judges,

19 court appointed attorneys, and other legal expenses of the Arkansas Court of

20 Appeals for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,331,243
25	(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
26	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,384,879
27	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	276,129
29	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	80,900
30	(C) PROF. FEES	0
31	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
32	(E) DATA PROC.	0
33	(05) LEGAL COUNSEL	360,000
34	(06) SPECIAL JUDGES	17,044
35	(07) MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	<u>60,000</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$6,585,195</u>

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2 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
3 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
4 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
5 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
6 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
7 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
8 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
9 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
10 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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12 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
13 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
14 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
15 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
16 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
17 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
18 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
19 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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21 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
22 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
23 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
24 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
25 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
26 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
27 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
28 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
29 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
30 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
31 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.
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