1 State of Arkansas A BillACT 507 OF 1991 2 **78th General Assembly** SENATE BILL 352 3 Regular Session, 1991 **By: Joint Budget Committee** 4 5 6 For An Act To Be Entitled 7 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT 8 OF SMALL CONTROVERSIAL AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL CLAIMS WHICH 9 HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION 10 WHICH SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL AND IN ADDITION TO THOSE FUNDS 11 APPROPRIATED BY ACT 111 OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION 12 OF 1989, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1991; AND FOR 13 OTHER PURPOSES." 14 15 16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 17 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the 18 19 Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous 20 Revolving Fund, for payment of the awards made by the Arkansas State Claims 21 Commission as provided by law, on non-controversial claims for refunds of 22 taxes and fees erroneously paid into the State Treasury, redemption of old 23 warrants presented to the State Treasurer after the time of redemption has 24 expired and for services and supplies on which bills for payment of same were 25 presented for payment too late to be paid from the then current appropriation 26 which shall be supplemental and in addition to those funds appropriated in 27 Section 5 of Act 111 of the First Extraordinary Session of 1989, for the 28 remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1991, the following: 29 30 ITEM FISCAL YEAR 1990-91 31 NO. 32 (01) CLAIMS \$ 130,000 33 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the 34 35 Arkansas State Claims Commission, to be payable from the Miscellaneous 36 Revolving Fund, for payment of the small controversial claim awards made by

1 the Arkansas State Claims Commission which shall be supplemental and in 2 addition to those funds appropriated in Section 4 of Act 111 of the First 3 Extraordinary Session of 1989, for the remainder of the fiscal year ending 4 June 30, 1991, the following:

6	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7	-NO.	1990-91
8	(01) CLAIMS	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
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10	SECTION 3. RESTRICTIONS. No award may b	pe paid in excess of
11	five-thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) on any one s	small controversial claim as
12	authorized in Section 2 of this Act. If the a	award is greater than \$5,000.00,

13 then such claim shall be referred to the General Assembly for an 14 appropriation, as in the instance of other claims referred by the Arkansas 15 State Claims Commission.

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SECTION 4. RESTRICTIONS. No award may be paid in excess of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) on any one non-controversial claim as authorized in Section 1 of this Act. If the award is greater than \$5,000.00, then such claim shall be referred to the General Assembly for an appropriation, as in the instance of other claims referred by the Arkansas State Claims Commission. No voucher may be issued on this appropriation in any amount of awards made by the Arkansas State Claims Commission for personal injury, property damage, or contract claims.

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SECTION 5. 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 Purchasing 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.

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1 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General 2 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations 3 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which 4 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive 5 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget 6 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or 7 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative 8 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

10 SECTION 7. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent 11 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas 12 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which ran be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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20 SECTION 9. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict 21 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Eighth General Assembly, that funds provided by the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly for the operations of the Arkansas State Claims Commission are, due to unforeseen circumstances, insufficient for the Arkansas State Claims Commission to continue to provide essential governmental services; that the provisions of this act will provide the necessary monies for the Arkansas State Claims Commission to continue such services; and that a delay in the effective date of this Act 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 the date of its passage and approval.

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