As Engrossed: S2/19/99 S3/8/99 S3/19/99 H3/30/99 H4/6/99 H4/8/99 1 State of Arkansas A Bill 2 82nd General Assembly Act 1519 of 1999 3 Regular Session, 1999 SENATE BILL 253 4 5 By: Joint Budget Committee 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES 9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE 10 COUNCIL, THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH, AND THE 11 12 INTERIM COMMITTEES OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2001; AND FOR 13 OTHER PURPOSES. " 14 15 **Subtitle** 16 "AN ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE 17 18 RESEARCH AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL 19 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1999-2001 BIENNIUM." 20 21 22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 23 24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 1997-99 25 1999-2001 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees, the 26 grades to be assigned to the respective positions, and the maximum annual 27 salaries for each such position. The maximum annual salary for the position 28 29 assigned to grades shall be determined in accordance with, but shall not exceed the maximum annual amount for the grade assigned herein, as established 30 31 in Arkansas Code 21-5-209. The maximum annual salary of the Director, Assistant Directors, Special Assistant for Budget, Senior Staff Attorney, 32 Chi ef Economist, State Personnel Review Administrator, and Legislative 33 Automated System Coordinator of said agency shall not exceed the maximum set 34 35 forth herein. Except for the purpose of determining the maximum annual salary rate, which is to be applicable to each of the positions to which a salary 36

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 $1 \quad \hbox{grade is assigned hereinafter, in accordance with the provisions of Arkansas} \\$ 

2 Code 21-5-209, all positions set forth herein shall be exempt from other

3 provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its

successor, but shall not be exempt from the provisions of the Regular Salaries

Procedures and Restrictions Act, or its successor.

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8				Maxi mum	Salary Rate		
9	Item	CI ass		No. of	Fiscal Y	ears	
10	No.	Code	Title	Employees	1999-2000	2000-2001	
11	(1)		DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LEGIS RESEARC	H 1	\$111, 477	\$114, 599	
12	(2)		ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	2	\$108,864	\$111, 912	
13	(3)		SPECIAL ASSISTANT/ BUDGET	1	\$91, 815	\$94, 386	
14	(4)		SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	1	\$83, 242	\$85,573	
15	(5)		CHIEF ECONOMIST	1	\$80, 318	\$82,567	
16	(6)		PERSONNEL REVIEW ADMINISTRATOR	1	\$83, 242	\$85, 573	
17	(7)		ADMINISTRATOR - PERFORMANCE BUDGE	T 1	\$75,000	\$77, 100	
18	(8)		LEGIS AUTOMATED SYSTEM COORDINATO	R 1	\$73, 476	\$80, 824	
19	(9)		SPECIAL ADVISOR/ECONOMICS	1	\$64,887	\$66,704	
20	(10)		SPECIAL ADVISOR/WELFARE REFORM	1	\$64,887	\$66, 704	
21	(11)		SENI OR ANALYST	2	\$58, 916	\$60, 566	
22	(12)		NETWORK PLANNING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	26	
23	(13)		LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	8	GRADE	25	
24	(14)		LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE	25	
25	(15)		PROGRAM ANALYST	1	GRADE	25	
26	(16)		SPECIAL PROJECTS ANALYST	1	GRADE	22	
27	(17)		ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE	22	
28	(18)		DIRECTOR'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE	22	
29	(19)		LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	28	GRADE	22	
30	(20)		PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	6	GRADE	22	
31	(21)		LEGISLATIVE ADMIN ASSISTANT	8	GRADE	20	
32	(22)		ASSISTANT TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	2	GRADE	19	
33	(23)		LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH ASSISTANT	1	GRADE	18	
34	(24)		BUREAU FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE	18	
35	(25)		REFERENCE ANALYST	1	GRADE	18	
36	(26)		ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	5	GRADE	18	

1	(27)	OFFICE SERVICES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 18
2	(28)	LEGIS MICRO/ PHOTO SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 17
3	(29)	DATA CONTROL CLERK	1	GRADE 16
4	(30)	LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE SECRETARY	11	GRADE 14
5	(31)	COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM MGR	1	GRADE 13
6	(32)	LEGIS CLERICAL SPECIALIST	1	GRADE 11
7	(33)	FACILITIES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 10
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9		SENIOR CAREER SERVICE POSITIONS		
10	(34)	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	1	\$68, 300 \$70, 213
11	(35)	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	1	\$62, 696 \$64, 451
12	(36)	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	2	GRADE 26
13	(37)	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 25
14	(38)	DIRECTOR'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE 25
15	(39)	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE 25
16	(40)	LEGIS MICRO/ PHOTO SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE 20
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18		CONTINGENCY POSITIONS		
19	(41)	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	1	\$85,000 \$87,380
20	(42)	LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH SUPERVISOR	1	\$75,000 \$77,100
21	(43)	LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	2	GRADE 25
22	(44)	SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE 24
23	(45)	NETWORK CONTROL TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE 22
24	(46)	PC SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE 22
25	(47)	APPLICATIONS/TEXT PROGRAMMER	2	GRADE 22
26	(48)	LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE 22
27	(49)	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	5	GRADE 18
28	(50)	LEGISLATIVE CLERICAL SPECIALIST	2	GRADE 11
29		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	132	
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SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council for the 1999-2001 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: twenty (20) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and

1 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Legislative Council for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:

10	ITEM	FISCAL	YEARS
11	NO.	1999-2000	2000-2001
12	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 5, 305, 178 \$	5, 340, 697
13	(02) EXTRA HELP	29, 178	29, 178
14	(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	1, 259, 670	1, 268, 056
15	(O4) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
16	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	765, 886	765, 886
17	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	195, 830	195, 830
18	(C) PROF. FEES	425, 295	425, 295
19	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	212, 919	189, 885
20	(E) DATA PROC.	69, 711	69, 711
21	(05) COMMITTEE ROOMS	 105, 063	105, 063
22	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 8, 368, 730 <b>\$</b>	8, 389, 601

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CONTINGENCY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for additional personal services and operating expenses of the Bureau of Legislative Research and the Legislative Council - Contingency for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:

31	ITEM		FI SC <i>F</i>	AL Y	'EARS
32	NO.		1999-2000		2000-2001
33	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1, 027, 637	\$	1, 035, 088
34	(02)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	237, 614		239, 337
35	(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION			
36		(A) OPER. EXPENSE	83, 014		83, 014

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	36, 759	36, 759
2	(C) PROF. FEES	155, 624	155, 624
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	82, 209	13, 658
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0	0
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,622,857</u>	<u>\$ 1,563,480</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for study expenses of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:

13 I TEM FI SCAL YEARS

14 NO. 1999-2000 2000-2001

15 (01) I NTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES \$ 271,060 \$ 271,060

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for paying per diem, expenses, and mileage to members of the General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee related activities of the Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly, and for out-of-state travel expenses for committee staff as approved by the appropriate committee for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:

26	ITEM		FISC	AL YE	ARS
27	NO.		1999-2000		2000-2001
28	(01)	PER DIEM, EXPENSES, AND MILEAGE			
29		FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL			
30		ASSEMBLY AD INTERIM COMMITTEES	\$ 1, 419, 199	\$	1, 419, 199
31	(02)	OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM			
32		COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE			
33		STAFF WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE			
34		APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE	 277, 197		277, 197
35		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 1, 696, 396	\$	1, 696, 396

1 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby appropriated, to 2 the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing 3 Officer, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for paying the 4 State's contribution to the Energy Council, paying expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly attending meetings of the Energy Council and for 5 other associated expenses for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the 6 7 following: 8 9 ITEM FISCAL YEARS 10 NO. 1999-2000 2000-2001 (01) PAYMENT OF STATE'S CONTRIBUTION, 11 12 EXPENSES OF MEMBERS AND OTHER 13 **EXPENSES** 97, 806 97,806 14 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - EXCELLENCE IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC EDUCATION TASK 15 16 FORCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State 17 18 Central Services Fund, for paying per diem, mileage and expenses for the nonlegislative members of the Excellence in Arkansas Public Education Task Force, 19 20 for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following: 21 22 ITEM FISCAL YEARS 23 NO. 1999-2000 2000-2001 24 (01) PER DIEM, MILEAGE AND EXPENSES FOR NON-LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS OF 25 THE EXCELLENCE IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC 26 EDUCATION TASK FORCE 27 12, 500 12,500 28 29 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER 30 31 Any unexpended balance of any appropriation provided in this Act which remains at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998 2000, shall 32 33 be transferred forward and made available for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999 2001. In the event that unforeseen circumstances 34 35 arise during the fiscal year ending June 30,1998 2000 such that any appropriations made available for that year are insufficient, the Director of 36

the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council shall certify the amount thereof to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, who upon receipt of the certification, shall transfer the amount so certified from the appropriation authorized for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999 2001 to the appropriate appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998 2000.

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SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION - LINE ITEMS. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer appropriation between the appropriations made by this Act in such amounts as determined necessary in either fiscal year of the 1997-99 1999-2001 biennium. In no event, however, shall the Regular Salaries line item in Section 3 be increased or decreased by such transfers authorized herein, unless specifically approved by the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council.

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SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

CONTINGENCY POSITIONS - RESTRICTIONS. The positions authorized as Contingency in this Act shall be filled only in the event that programs are required to be implemented that were not contemplated at the time of the submission by the Bureau of Legislative Research of its 1997-99 1999-2001 biennial budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council.

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25 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS. CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. 26 27 CAREER SERVICE POSITIONS. The positions authorized in Section 1 of this Act 28 as "Senior Career Service Positions" shall be utilized only for those 29 incumbents on June 30, 1997 who would otherwise be unable to obtain the same 30 pay increases available to other employees of the Bureau of Legislative 31 Research due to the exceptional tenure and circumstances of the incumbents. 32 In the event that the employee being paid from a "Senior Career Service 33 Position" is no longer employed by the Bureau of Legislative Research, the position shall remain vacant. As long as any "Senior Career Service Position" 34 35 is filled, a position with the same title authorized as a regular employee in Section 1 shall not be filled. 36

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2	SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3	CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. <u>COST OF</u>
4	<u>LIVING INCREASES.</u> Employees of the Bureau of Legislative Research assigned to
5	positions having a labor grade shall be eligible for cost-of-living increases
6	on July 1, $\frac{1997}{1999}$ and July 1, $\frac{1998}{2000}$ in an amount equal to that granted
7	to all other state agency, board, commission or institution of higher
8	education employees on those dates. Any additional adjustments in annual
9	salary rates for Bureau employees, labor market adjustments, merit pay
10	adjustments or employee retention or recruitment requirements shall be made at
11	the discretion of the Director of the Bureau.
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13	SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
14	CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DISBURSING
15	OFFICER. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the
16	Legislative Council shall be the disbursing officer for the funds appropriated
17	by this Act, including the Interim Committee Study Expenses and all
18	expenditures from the appropriations provided by this Act shall be in
19	accordance with procedures established by the Legislative Council and in
20	accordance with appropriate law.
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22	SECTION 15. APPROPRIATIONS - ARKANSAS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE.
23	There is hereby appropriated to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the
24	Legislative Council Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the State Central
25	Services Fund, for paying per diem, mileage, and expenses for the non-
26	legislative members of the Arkansas Information Technology Task Force, for the
27	biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following:
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29	I TEM FI SCAL YEARS
30	NO. 1999-2000 2000-2001
31	(01) PER DIEM, MILEAGE AND EXPENSES FOR
32	NON-LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS OF THE
33	ARKANSAS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
34	TASK FORCE <u>\$ 12,500</u> <u>\$ 12,500</u>
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SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

- 1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. ARKANSAS
- 2 INFORMATION TECHONOLOGY TASK FORCE PER DIEM AND MILEAGE. The non-legislative
- 3 members of the Arkansas Information Technology Task Force shall receive per
- 4 diem and mileage at the same rate authorized by law for attendance at meetings
- 5 <u>of interim committees of the General Assembly to be payable from the</u>
- 6 appropriation provided in this act for Per Diem, Mileage and Expenses for Non-
- 7 legislative Members of the Arkansas Information Technology Task Force.

- 9 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION HOUSE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated
- 10 to the Arkansas House of Representatives, to be payable from the
- 11 Constitutional Officers Fund, for necessary expenses of the Arkansas House of
- 12 Representatives of the  $82^{nd}$  General Assembly for the remainder of the fiscal
- 13 year ending June 30, 1999, which shall be supplemental and in addition to
- 14 those funds appropriated in Section 1 of Act 2 of 1999, the following:

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- 16 I TEM FI SCAL YEAR
- 17 <u>NO.</u> 1998-99
- 18 (01) SALARI ES OF EMPLOYEES \$ 50,000
- 19 (02) MAINTENANCE, OPERATION AND EXPENSE 200, 000
- 20 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$ 250,000

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- 22 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION SENATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
- 23 appropriated to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional
- 24 Officers Fund, for necessary expenses of the Arkansas Senate of the 82<sup>nd</sup>
- 25 General Assembly for the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999,
- 26 which shall be supplemental and in addition to those funds appropriated in
- 27 Section 1 of Act 1 of 1999, the following:

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30	NO.		1998-99
31	(01)	SALARIES OF EMPLOYEES	\$ 50, 000

- 33 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$ 250,000

- 35 SECTION 19. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
- 36 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds

1 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the 2 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary 3 Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of 4 this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of 5 Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied 6 7 with in disbursement of said funds. 8 9 SECTION 20. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained 10 11 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act 12 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations 13 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral 14 15 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint 16 Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption. 17 18 SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is 19 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas House of Representatives, to be payable 20 from the State Central Services Fund, for paying per diem, expenses and 21 mileage to members of the House of Representatives attending regular and 22 special meetings and other committee related activities of the House Select 23 Committees for the biennial period ending June 30, 2001, the following: 24 25 I TEM FISCAL YEARS 26 1999-2000 2000-2001 (01) PER DIEM. EXPENSES AND MILEAGE FOR 27 28 MEMBERS OF HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEES \$ 50,000 50,000 29 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS 30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. 31 32 ELECTRICITY DEREGULATION SET ASIDE. The Bureau of Legislative Research of the Legislative Council Disbursing Officer shall set aside \$50,000 of the 33 appropriation provided in this act for Interim Committee Study Expenses for 34

the purpose of paying the expenses incurred in obtaining the necessary

resources to insure that residential consumer interests are evaluated in any

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1	electricity deregulation proposal considered by the House Insurance and
2	Commerce Committee, during the biennial period ending June 30, 2001.
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4	SECTION 23. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent
5	nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
6	Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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8	SECTION 24. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this act or the application
9	thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall
10	not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given
11	effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the
12	provisions of this act are declared to be severable.
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14	SECTION 25. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with
15	this act are hereby repealed.
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17	SECTION 26. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
18	Eighty-second General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas
19	prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that
20	the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1999 is essential to the operation of
21	the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
22	the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
23	date of this Act beyond July 1, 1999 could work irreparable harm upon the
24	proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
25	Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
26	necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
27	safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1999, except
28	for Section 17 and Section 18 which shall be in full force and effect from and
29	after the date of passage and approval of this act.
30	/s/ Joint Budget Committee
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33	APPROVED: 4/15/1999
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