Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly. Act 1305 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas
86th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2007

As Engrossed: H3/15/07 H3/27/07
A Bill

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

an act to make an appropriation for Personal SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - FORT SMITH FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2009; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle<br>AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FORT SMITH APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2007-2009 BIENNIUM.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith for the 2007-2009 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§2l-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §2l-5101), or its successor.

| 1 |  |  |  | Maximum | Annual |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 |  |  | Maximum | Salary | Rate |
| 3 | Item |  | No. of | Fiscal | Years |
| 4 | No. | Title | Employees | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 |
| 5 |  | TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL |  |  |  |
| 6 |  | ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS |  |  |  |
| 7 | (1) | Chancellor, UA Fort Smith | 1 | \$149,569 | \$152,560 |
| 8 | (2) | Provost/Chief Academic Officer | 1 | \$119,174 | \$121,557 |
| 9 | (3) | Vice Chan. for Univ Plans and Programs | 1 | \$119,174 | \$121,557 |
| 10 | (4) | Vice Chan. For Finance \& Admin. | 1 | \$115,041 | \$117,342 |
| 11 | (5) | Executive Vice Chancellor | 1 | \$111,586 | \$113,818 |
| 12 | (6) | Vice Chancellor for Student Services | 1 | \$111,586 | \$113,818 |
| 13 | (7) | Vice Chan., Institutional Advancement | 1 | \$111,586 | \$113,818 |
| 14 | (8) | Dean | 6 | \$102,961 | \$105,020 |
| 15 | (9) | Vice Chan, Planning \& Accountability | 1 | \$99,476 | \$101,466 |
| 16 | (10) | Dean of Business \& Professional Inst | 1 | \$93,999 | \$95,879 |
| 17 | (11) | Dean of Work Force Development | 1 | \$93,999 | \$95,879 |
| 18 | (12) | Dir. of Management Info. Systems | 1 | \$93,999 | \$95,879 |
| 19 | (13) | Dean of Instructional Development | 1 | \$87,589 | \$89,341 |
| 20 | (14) | Dir. of Community \& Cont. Ed. | 1 | \$87,589 | \$89,341 |
| 21 | (15) | Assistant to the Chancellor | 1 | \$84,065 | \$85,746 |
| 22 | (16) | Dir. of Telecommunications | 1 | \$81,183 | \$82,807 |
| 23 | (17) | Project/Program Administrators | 15 |  |  |
| 24 |  | Project/Program Director |  | \$80,365 | \$81,972 |
| 25 |  | Project/Program Manager |  | \$72,829 | \$74,286 |
| 26 |  | Project/Program Specialist |  | \$62,836 | \$64,093 |
| 27 | (18) | Registrar | 1 | \$78,583 | \$80, 155 |
| 28 | (19) | Dir. of Institutional Research | 1 | \$78,489 | \$80,059 |
| 29 | (20) | Director of Major Gifts | 1 | \$77,401 | \$78,949 |
| 30 | (21) | Dir. of Physical Plant | 1 | \$76,036 | \$77,557 |
| 31 | (22) | Dir. of Evening \& Special Programs | 1 | \$75,911 | \$77,429 |
| 32 | (23) | Controller | 1 | \$75,815 | \$77,331 |
| 33 | (24) | Dir. of Instructional Technology | 1 | \$75,484 | \$76,994 |
| 34 | (25) | Director of Admissions | 1 | \$74,727 | \$76,222 |
| 35 | (26) | Director of Student Aid | 1 | \$74,727 | \$76,222 |
| 36 | (27) | Director of Staff Development | 1 | \$67,578 | \$68,930 |


| (28) | Dir. of Sys Prog \& Data Base Svcs. |
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| (29) | Dir. of Budget |
| (30) | Dir. of Placement/Career Services |
| (31) | Dir. of Educational Assessment |
| (32) | Administrator of Grants \& Contracts |
| (33) | Development Officer |
| (34) | Instructional Designers |
| (35) | Counselor |
| (36) | Director of Student Activities \& Org |
| (37) | Dir. of Communications \& Marketing |
| (38) | Continuing Education Specialist |
| (39) | Workforce Specialist |
| (40) | Director of Disability Services |
| (41) | Dir. of Admin. Support Services |
| (42) | Dir. of Academic Support Services |
| (43) | Academic Advisor |
|  | TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL |
|  | CLASSIFIED POSITIONS |
| (44) | Systems Programmer III - Inst |
| (45) | Systems Analyst II - Inst |
| (46) | Accounting Supervisor II |
| (47) | UAFS Purchasing Agent |
| (48) | HE Public Safety Commander I |
| (49) | Accounting Supervisor I |
| (50) | DP Network Technician II - Inst |
| (51) | Editor |
| (52) | Occupational Safety Coordinator |
| (53) | Plant Maintenance Coordinator |
| (54) | Program Coordinator |
| (55) | Systems Analyst I - Inst |
| (56) | UAFS Director of Alumni |
| (57) | UAFS Director of Information |
| (58) | Website Coordinator II |
| (59) | Applications Programmer II - Inst |
| (60) | Buyer |
| (61) | Research Project Analyst |


| $\$ 66,165$ | $\$ 67,488$ |
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| $\$ 65,898$ | $\$ 67,216$ |
| $\$ 63,745$ | $\$ 65,020$ |
| $\$ 63,192$ | $\$ 64,456$ |
| $\$ 62,587$ | $\$ 63,839$ |
| $\$ 60,800$ | $\$ 62,016$ |
| $\$ 60,800$ | $\$ 62,016$ |
| $\$ 60,800$ | $\$ 62,016$ |
| $\$ 59,737$ | $\$ 60,932$ |
| $\$ 58,692$ | $\$ 59,866$ |
| $\$ 55,090$ | $\$ 56,192$ |
| $\$ 55,090$ | $\$ 56,192$ |
| $\$ 54,032$ | $\$ 55,113$ |
| $\$ 48,233$ | $\$ 49,198$ |
| $\$ 48,233$ | $\$ 49,198$ |
| $\$ 45,694$ | $\$ 46,608$ |

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| 1 | (62) | Accountant | 5 | GRADE 18 |
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| 2 | (63) | Assistant Registrar | 2 | GRADE 18 |
| 3 | (64) | DP Network Technician I - Inst | 1 | GRADE 18 |
| 4 | (65) | HE Public Safety Officer II | 4 | GRADE 18 |
| 5 | (66) | Personnel Assistant II - Inst | 2 | GRADE 18 |
| 6 | (67) | Skilled Trades Supervisor | 2 | GRADE 18 |
| 7 | (68) | Administrative Assistant II | 4 | GRADE 17 |
| 8 | (69) | Audio Visual Aids Supervisor | 1 | GRADE 17 |
| 9 | (70) | DP Operations Supervisor I - Inst | 1 | GRADE 17 |
| 10 | (71) | Graphic Artist II | 2 | GRADE 17 |
| 11 | (72) | Instrumentation Technician II | 1 | GRADE 17 |
| 12 | (73) | Landscape Supervisor II | 2 | GRADE 17 |
| 13 | (74) | Multimedia Specialist | 1 | GRADE 17 |
| 14 | (75) | Skilled Trades Worker | 11 | GRADE 17 |
| 15 | (76) | Special Events Coordinator | 1 | GRADE 17 |
| 16 | (77) | Computer Technician II - Inst | 1 | GRADE 16 |
| 17 | (78) | Coordinator of Housekeeping | 1 | GRADE 16 |
| 18 | (79) | Financial Aid Officer I | 1 | GRADE 16 |
| 19 | (80) | Information Specialist | 1 | GRADE 16 |
| 20 | (81) | Multimedia Technical Controller II | 1 | GRADE 16 |
| 21 | (82) | HE Public Safety Officer I | 3 | GRADE 16 |
| 22 | (83) | Accounting Technician II | 8 | GRADE 15 |
| 23 | (84) | Administrative Assistant I | 6 | GRADE 15 |
| 24 | (85) | Administrative Office Supervisor | 2 | GRADE 15 |
| 25 | (86) | Instrumentation Technician I | 1 | GRADE 15 |
| 26 | (87) | Research Assistant | 2 | GRADE 15 |
| 27 | (88) | Laboratory Coordinator | 1 | GRADE 15 |
| 28 | (89) | Administrative Secretary | 1 | GRADE 14 |
| 29 | (90) | Computer Publishing Operator | 2 | GRADE 14 |
| 30 | (91) | Computer Technician I - Inst | 1 | GRADE 14 |
| 31 | (92) | Personnel Assistant I - Inst | 4 | GRADE 14 |
| 32 | (93) | Laboratory Assistant III | 1 | GRADE 13 |
| 33 | (94) | Secretary II | 15 | GRADE 13 |
| 34 | (95) | Accounting Technician I | 1 | GRADE 12 |
| 35 | (96) | Cashier II | 1 | GRADE 12 |
| 36 | (97) | Library Academic Technician II | 3 | GRADE 12 |


| 1 | (98) | Registrar's Assistant | 4 | GRADE | 12 |
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| 2 | (99) | Mailroom Supervisor | 1 | GRADE | 12 |
| 3 | (100) | Apprentice Tradesman | 4 | GRADE | 11 |
| 4 | (101) | Secretary I | 19 | GRADE | 11 |
| 5 | (102) | Shipping \& Receiving Clerk | 1 | GRADE | 11 |
| 6 | (103) | Reproduction Equipment Operator | 1 | GRADE | 10 |
| 7 | (104) | Clerical Assistant | 1 | GRADE | 10 |
| 8 | (105) | Library Academic Technician I | 1 | GRADE | 10 |
| 9 | (106) | Custodial Supervisor II | 2 | GRADE | 08 |
| 10 | (107) | Skilled Trades Helper | 1 | GRADE | 08 |
| 11 | (108) | Maintenance Worker Supervisor | 2 | GRADE | 07 |
| 12 | (109) | Maintenance Worker II | 8 | GRADE | 05 |
| 13 | (110) | Custodial Worker II | 7 | GRADE | 04 |
| 14 | (111) | Custodial Worker I | 22 | GRADE | 03 |
| 15 |  | TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL |  |  |  |
| 16 |  | ACADEMIC POSITIONS |  |  |  |
| 17 | (112) | Director of Library Services | 1 | \$80,367 | \$81,974 |
| 18 | (113) | Assistant Dean | 3 | \$78,580 | \$80, 152 |
| 19 | (114) | Librarian | 6 | \$65,168 | \$66,471 |
| 20 |  | NINE-MONTH EDUCATIONAL \& GENERAL |  |  |  |
| 21 |  | ACADEMIC POSITIONS |  |  |  |
| 22 | (115) | Faculty | 250 |  |  |
| 23 |  | Distinguished Professor |  | \$95,806 | \$97, 722 |
| 24 |  | Professor |  | \$88,618 | \$90,390 |
| 25 |  | Associate Professor |  | \$78,301 | \$79,867 |
| 26 |  | Assistant Professor |  | \$72,115 | \$73,557 |
| 27 |  | Instructor |  | \$59, 739 | \$60,934 |
| 28 |  | Lecturer |  | \$37,056 | \$37,797 |
| 29 | (116) | Clinical Instructor | 13 | \$47,131 | \$48,074 |
| 30 | (117) | Part-Time Faculty | 270 | \$33, 180 | \$33,844 |
| 31 |  | TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES |  |  |  |
| 32 |  | NON-CLASSIFIED POSITIONS |  |  |  |
| 33 | (118) | Dir. of Auxiliary Enterprises | 1 | \$74,327 | \$75,814 |
| 34 | (119) | Project/Program Manager | 2 | \$72,829 | \$74,286 |
| 35 | (120) | Senior Women's Administrator | 1 | \$72,378 | \$73,826 |
| 36 | (121) | Assistant Athletic Director | 1 | \$72,378 | \$73,826 |


| 1 | (122) | Coach | 4 | \$67,997 | \$69,357 |
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| 2 | (123) | Director of Food Service | 1 | \$62,543 | \$63, 794 |
| 3 | (124) | Campus Store Manager | 1 | \$62,098 | \$63,340 |
| 4 | (125) | Sports Information Director | 1 | \$45,694 | \$46,608 |
| 5 | (126) | Compliance Officer | 1 | \$43,672 | \$44,545 |
| 6 |  | TWELVE MONTH AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES |  |  |  |
| 7 |  | CLASSIFIED POSITIONS |  |  |  |
| 8 | (127) | Special Events Manager | 1 | GRADE | 19 |
| 9 | (128) | UAFS Bookstore Manager | 1 | GRADE | 19 |
| 10 | (129) | Food Production Manager | 1 | GRADE | 18 |
| 11 | (130) | Student Union Night Manager | 1 | GRADE | 17 |
| 12 | (131) | Assistant Bookstore Manager | 1 | GRADE | 16 |
| 13 | (132) | Food Production Supervisor | 1 | GRADE | 16 |
| 14 | (133) | Manager of Catering | 1 | GRADE | 15 |
| 15 | (134) | Head Cashier | 1 | GRADE | 13 |
| 16 | (135) | Supervisor of Cooking | 1 | GRADE | 13 |
| 17 | (136) | Cashier II | 2 | GRADE | 12 |
| 18 | (137) | Purchasing Assistant | 1 | GRADE | 11 |
| 19 | (138) | Shipping \& Receiving Clerk | 1 | GRADE | 11 |
| 20 | (139) | Cook II | 6 | GRADE | 10 |
| 21 | (140) | Cashier I | 3 | GRADE | 09 |
| 22 | (141) | Food Service Worker II | 5 | GRADE | 05 |
| 23 | (142) | Food Service Worker I | 2 | GRADE | 03 |
| 24 |  | WESTERN ARKANSAS AREA TECHNICAL CTR |  |  |  |
| 25 |  | TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL |  |  |  |
| 26 |  | ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS |  |  |  |
| 27 | (143) | Director, Western Ark Area Tech Ctr | 1 | \$80,225 | \$81,830 |
| 28 | (144) | Asst. Dir., Western Ark Area Tech Ctr | 1 | \$70,991 | \$72,411 |
| 29 | (145) | Workforce Specialist | 2 | \$55,090 | \$56,192 |
| 30 | (146) | Academic Advisor | 3 | \$45,694 | \$46,608 |
| 31 |  | WESTERN ARKANSAS AREA TECHNICAL CTR |  |  |  |
| 32 |  | TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL |  |  |  |
| 33 |  | CLASSIFIED POSITIONS |  |  |  |
| 34 | (147) | Secretary II | 1 | GRADE | 13 |
| 35 |  | NINE-MONTH EDUCATIONAL \& GENERAL |  |  |  |
| 36 |  | ACADEMIC POSITIONS |  |  |  |


| (148) | Faculty | 12 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| (149) | Part-Time Faculty | 18 |
|  | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 924 |

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith for the 2007-2009 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: nine hundred ten (910) temporary or part-time 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 University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, to be payable from the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

| $\begin{gathered} \text { ITEM } \\ \text { NO. } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | FISCAL YEARS |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 2007-2008 |  | 2008-2009 |  |
| (01) | REGULAR SALARIES | \$ | 15,015,869 | \$ | 15,235,817 |
| (02) | EXTRA HELP |  | 675,000 |  | 695,250 |
| (03) | PERSONAL SERV MATCHING |  | 3,579,313 |  | 3,646,225 |
| (04) | MAINT. \& GEN. OPERATION |  |  |  |  |
|  | (A) OPER. EXPENSE |  | 2,304,231 |  | 2,304,231 |
|  | (B) CONF. \& TRAVEL |  | 0 |  | 0 |
|  | (C) PROF. FEES |  | 0 |  | 0 |
|  | (D) CAP. OUTLAY |  | 0 |  | 0 |
|  | (E) DATA PROC. |  | 0 |  | 0 |
| (05) | FUNDED DEPRECIATION |  | 17,460 |  | 17,460 |
|  | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | S | 21,591,873 | \$ | 21,898,983 |

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS - CASH FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith,
for personal services and operating expenses of the University of Arkansas Fort Smith for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

| ITEM NO. |  |  | FISCAL YEARS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 2007-2008 |  | 2008-2009 |
| (01) | REGULAR SALARIES | \$ | 8,097,829 | \$ | 8,259,786 |
| (02) | EXTRA HELP |  | 1,475,468 |  | 1,490,222 |
| (03) | OVERTIME |  | 200,931 |  | 200,931 |
| (04) | PERSONAL SERV MATCHING |  | 3,779,427 |  | 3,855,016 |
| (05) | MAINT. \& GEN. OPERATION |  |  |  |  |
|  | (A) OPER. EXPENSE |  | 11,039,317 |  | 11,039,317 |
|  | (B) CONF . \& TRAVEL |  | 412,002 |  | 412,002 |
|  | (C) PROF. FEES |  | 105,552 |  | 105,552 |
|  | (D) CAP. OUTLAY |  | 3,577,828 |  | 3,577,828 |
|  | (E) DATA PROC. |  | 120,000 |  | 120,000 |
| (06) | DEBT SERVICE |  | 4,733,748 |  | 4,733,748 |
| (07) | CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS |  | 11,799,909 |  | 11,799,909 |
| (08) | FUND TRANS/REFUND/ INVESTMENTS |  | 4,995,785 |  | 4,995,785 |
| (09) | PROMOTIONAL ITEMS |  | 50,000 |  | 50,000 |
|  | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | $\underline{S}$ | 50,387,796 | $\underline{S}$ | 50,640,096 |

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - TREASURY CONTINGENCY. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, to be payable from the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith Fund, for personal services and operating expenses which may be transferred and added to any appropriation line item payable from the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith Fund by the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEARS |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| NO. | $2007-2008$ | $2008-2009$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| (01) TREASURY CONTINGENCY | $\underline{S}$ | $1,445,258$ | $\underline{S}$ |

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - CASH CONTINGENCY. There is hereby appropriated, to the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, to be payable from cash funds as
defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, for personal services and operating expenses which may be transferred and added to any appropriation line item payable from cash funds by the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the following:

ITEM
FISCAL YEARS
NO.
2007-2008
2008-2009
(O1) CASH CONTINGENCY
$\$ \quad 93,304,222 \quad \$ \quad 96,915,193$

SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EMPLOYMENT MODELS. The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith is hereby authorized to experiment with and utilize employment models other than tenure to accommodate the development and delivery of curriculum, such as the employment of new faculty on a twelve-month, forty-hour week basis, with rewards for administrative staff and faculty based upon results.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,2005 2007 through June 30, 2007 2009.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND BALANCES. The Board of Trustees in its official governing capacity charged with the management or control of the institution of higher learning and the President or Chancellor as the Chief Executive shall certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Legislative Council that as of December 31 of each year that sufficient appropriations and funds are available, or will become available, to meet all current and anticipated obligations during the fiscal year for the payment of the obligations when they become due. This certification, signed by the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the President or Chancellor will be forwarded by February 28 of each year or upon release of the previous year's audit by Legislative Audit to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Legislative Council accompanied by the Board approved published annual financial statement for the preceding fiscal year. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2005
$\underline{2007}$ through June 30, $2007 \underline{2009 .}$

SECTION 9. 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 Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditures 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.

SECTION 10. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 11. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July l, 2007 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1,2007 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 July 1, 2007.

> /s/ Joint Budget Committee

