

1 State of Arkansas
2 90th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2015

A Bill

SENATE BILL 208

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5 By: Senate Efficiency
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE FOR
10 THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL
16 YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby
23 established for the Arkansas Senate for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the
24 following maximum number of regular employees.
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26			Maximum Annual
27			Salary Rate
28	Item		Fiscal Year
29	No.	Title	2015-2016
30	(1)	DIRECTOR OF THE SENATE/SEC OF SENATE	1 GRADE N918
31	(2)	CHIEF COUNSEL	1 GRADE N915
32	(3)	DEPUTY DIRECTOR/ASST SEC OF SENATE	1 GRADE N911
33	(4)	PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1 GRADE N908
34	(5)	FISCAL OFFICER	1 GRADE C128
35	(6)	CONSTITUENT SERVICES MANAGER	1 GRADE C128
36	(7)	ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER	1 GRADE C125



1	(8)	ASSISTANT INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE C125
2	(9)	CONSTITUENT ADVISOR	2	GRADE C125
3	(10)	LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST	1	GRADE C124
4	(11)	ADMIN ASST/RECEPTIONIST	3	GRADE C123
5	(12)	PROPERTIES OFFICER	<u>1</u>	GRADE C119
6		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	15	

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8 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas
 9 Senate for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-
 10 time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds
 11 appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time
 12 employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the
 13 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act
 14 for the appropriate classification.

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16 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby
 17 appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central
 18 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas
 19 Senate - Staff Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the
 20 following:

21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	NO.	2015-2016
23	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,963,896
24	(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
25	(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	549,891
26	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	<u>175,000</u>
27	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,713,787</u></u>

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30 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ORIENTATION. There is hereby appropriated,
 31 to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund,
 32 for expenses of the State Orientation including the payment of per diem and
 33 mileage of members of the Arkansas Senate who attend the Senate Orientation
 34 program held prior to the convening of a Legislative Session of the General
 35 Assembly, the sum of.....\$15,000.

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1 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS
 2 FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable
 3 from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for the balance remaining on June 30,
 4 2015 in the appropriations enacted to defray the necessary expenses of the
 5 Arkansas Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly, Section 3 of Act 1 of
 6 2014, Sections 4 and 5 of Act 3 of 2014, and Act 2 of 2015 there to be used
 7 for the same purpose for the Arkansas Senate of the Ninetieth General
 8 Assembly, in a sum in the aggregate not to exceed.....\$2,400,000.

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 10 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - STATE CENTRAL SERVICES
 11 FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable
 12 from the State Central Services Fund, for the balance remaining on June 30,
 13 2015 in the appropriations enacted to defray the necessary expenses of the
 14 Arkansas Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly, Sections 3, 6, 7 and 8 of
 15 Act 3 of 2014, there to be used for the same purposes for the Arkansas Senate
 16 of the Ninetieth General Assembly, in a sum in the aggregate not to
 17 exceed.....\$2,400,000.

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 19 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COMPUTERIZATION. There is hereby
 20 appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central
 21 Services Fund, for expenses necessary in continuing the computerization of
 22 the legislative process in the Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.

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 24 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS. There is
 25 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State
 26 Central Services Fund, for construction, improvements, renovations and
 27 equipping of the Arkansas Senate facilities and other purposes of the
 28 Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.

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 30 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 32 TRANSFERS. If the Senate Efficiency Committee and the Secretary of the
 33 Senate, subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate, should determine that
 34 any item or portion thereof appropriated herein for a specific purpose is not
 35 needed for such purpose, the Secretary of the Senate may certify such fact to
 36 the State Auditor and the State Auditor shall cause a transfer to be made

1 from one item to another.

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3 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SALARIES.
5 In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and
6 retained, the Senate may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than
7 twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-third (1/3) of the positions
8 authorized in their operation appropriation act, and may exceed the maximum
9 salary levels for the purpose of merit adjustments for all positions.

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

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21 SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
22 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
23 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
24 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
25 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
26 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
27 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
28 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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30 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
31 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
32 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
33 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
34 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
35 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
36 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm

1 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
2 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
3 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
4 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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