

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION (0360)
FISCAL YEAR 2018
AS ENACTED BY ACTS 116 & 829 OF 2017

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Arkansas State Claims Commission is a quasi-judicial Commission, which has exclusive jurisdiction over all claims against the State of Arkansas, and its agencies, departments and institutions. The Commission is comprised of five (5) Commissioners who are appointed by the governor. In addition to hearing various claims against the State, the Commission also hears claims for awarding valid death benefits to widows and/or dependents of policemen, firemen and certain other state employees killed in the official line of duty. A Special Claims bill outlining Commission awards exceeding \$15,000 is presented to the General Assembly each year.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation for FY2018 is \$2,300,960.

FUNDING SOURCES

The Commissions Operations appropriation is funded through the State Central Services Fund. The Claims appropriation is funded through the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUEST

FIREFIGHTER BENEFIT REVIEW PANEL

Act 829 of 2017 provides total appropriation of \$16,000 for Firefighter Benefit Review Panel expense reimbursements, \$8,000 for current and previous fiscal years and \$8,000 for FY2018.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2017 Authorized Positions:10)

Total Positions for FY2018: 10

Total Base Level Positions: 10

Increase/(Decrease)from Base Level: 0

Extra Help Positions FY2018:0 (Base Level Extra Help:0)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

EMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS: Requires the Clerk of the State Claims Commission to notify affected state agencies and the DFA-Office of Personnel Management when employment compensation claims are due and payable, so that the claim may be processed through the State Mechanized Payroll System.

***NEW LANGUAGE* DISBURSING OFFICER:** Provides that the Director of the Claims Commission shall be the disbursing officer for expense reimbursements for the Firefighter Benefit Review Panel and authorizes payment of reimbursements for unpaid reimbursements in prior fiscal years.