

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 645 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas  
2 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 203

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5 By: Senator Malone  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-4-702(d), pertaining to time limits for  
26 presenting vouchers, is amended to read as follows:

27 (d)(1)(A) In the event a biweekly pay period for personal services, as  
28 defined in §§ 19-4-521 and 19-4-1607, commences in the closing period of one  
29 (1) fiscal period and either ends in the following fiscal year or is paid in  
30 the following fiscal year, then the payment of the obligation may be made in  
31 whole from the appropriation for either fiscal period, as determined by the  
32 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

33 (B) However, in no event shall any obligation be incurred  
34 unless there are funds on hand or estimated to become available to meet the  
35 obligation when it becomes due.



1           (2)(A) For purposes of wages and compensation, the Chief Fiscal  
2 Officer of the State may determine the starting date of authorized job  
3 classifications and positions to coincide with the payment of the obligation  
4 under subdivision (d)(1) of this section.

5           (B) However, the determination under subdivision (d)(2)(A)  
6 of this section shall not cause any state fiscal year to be charged with  
7 fewer than twenty-six (26) or more than twenty-seven (27) biweekly pay  
8 periods.

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10         SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
11 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that in order to more effectively  
12 manage and administer state budgetary matters, the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
13 the State needs the flexibility to determine the fiscal year funds from which  
14 the payment is made for a pay period that begins in one (1) fiscal year and  
15 ends in the subsequent fiscal year; that positions that start during a pay  
16 period that covers two (2) fiscal years create budgetary and accounting  
17 issues; that the Chief Fiscal Officer needs the flexibility to determine the  
18 start date for these positions; and that this act is immediately necessary in  
19 order to provide for appropriate budgetary and accounting measures before the  
20 end of the current fiscal year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist  
21 and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
22 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

23           (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

24           (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
25 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
26 bill; or

27           (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
28 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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31    **APPROVED: 3/03/2005**

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