

**ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION (0360)  
2007-09 BIENNIUM**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**Mission**

The Arkansas State Claim 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 serve on a full-time basis for five (5) year staggered terms and 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. As an arm of the General Assembly, the Commission's findings and decisions are subject to review by the General Assembly as to the payment of certain monetary awards for damage/injury. Each biennium Special Claims Bills outlining Commission awards exceeding \$10,000 are presented to the General Assembly.

**Total Biennial Budget**

The total budget for the 2007-2009 biennium is \$2,017,739 year one and \$2,025,388 year two.

**Funding Source**

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

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

The State Operations appropriation provides \$517,739 year one and \$525,388 year two for operation expenses of the Claims Commission. That is an increase over base level of \$11,784 and \$19,433 in operating expenses for postage, supplies, mileage, and rent.

The Claims Payment appropriation, funded from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, provides \$1.5 million each year, which is an increase of \$100,000 over base level for the significant increase in the number of claims filed against the state.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS:**

Total positions for FY 2007-09: 10

Total positions for FY 2005-07: 10

**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.