

COMMISSIONER OF STATE LANDS (0061)
FISCAL YEAR 2016
As Enacted by Act 66 of 2015

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

Constitutional Amendment 37, established the Commissioner of State Lands as one of seven elected constitutional officers. The Office is responsible for returning to private ownership, lands which have been certified to the State of Arkansas for the nonpayment of ad valorem real estate taxes. Some of the Commissioner's responsibilities include the competitive bidding and the leasing of all mineral interests on state owned lands and housing all original patent records of the State which are the records showing the disposition of tracts of land from the United States and the means by which the land was granted.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation is \$40,738,451 for FY2016.

FUNDING SOURCES

The Operations appropriation is funded from the State Central Services Fund. The other appropriations are funded by cash funds and fund balances which are received through the collection of delinquent taxes or through the sale of tax delinquent lands.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

OPERATIONS-State Central Services

Appropriated at \$3,671,810 for FY2016 which is \$26,871 below base level for decreases in the salary line item.

DELINQUENT TAX-CASH

Appropriated at \$36,298,841 for FY2016 which is \$8.5 million over base level for expenses relating to returning funds to the counties in which they are due.

ISLANDS/SUBMERGED LANDS-Cash

Appropriated at \$250,000 for FY2016 for the ownership, administration and regulation of islands and submerged lands funded from fees.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total Authorized Positions FY2015:45)

Total Authorized Positions FY2016:45

Total Base Level Positions:45

Increase/(Decrease) Over Base Level: 0

Extra Help Positions FY2016:5 (Total FY2015 Authorized Extra Help: 5)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

None

April 2015