



**Supreme Court of Arkansas**

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Honorable Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
Honorable Lane Jean, Co-Chair  
Joint Budget Committee  
Arkansas General Assembly  
One Capitol Mall  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

The Arkansas Supreme Court recently met to discuss our appropriation, and we decided to respectfully request only one change to the 2026-2027 appropriation bill for the Arkansas Supreme Court:

We request that the Supreme Court appropriation bill be amended to include one new position, Supreme Court Police Chief. This new position is needed to provide overall command and leadership of the Supreme Court Police Department. The position will provide executive oversight, administration, and operational management of the Supreme Court Police Officers assigned to the Justice Building.

Requested Job Title and Pay Grade

Supreme Court Police Chief    LES05

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Karen R. Baker  
Chief Justice  
Arkansas Supreme Court

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill 55**

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027  
FISCAL YEAR.

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**Amendment No. \_\_\_ to Senate Bill 55**

Amend Senate Bill 55 as originally introduced:

Page 2, line 21, delete "  1  " and insert "  1  "

AND

Page 2, immediately following line 21 insert the following:

"(28) Q371C SUPREME COURT POLICE CHIEF   1   GRADE LES05"

AND

Page 2, line 22, delete "51" and insert "52".

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Joint Budget Committee

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Secretary

## Arkansas Courts FY27 Requested Changes

Supreme Court - Requesting 1 New Position in Operations			
Title	Positions	Grade	Salary Range
SUPREME COURT POLICE CHIEF	1	LES05	\$67,675 to \$100,159
Changes the total number of positions authorized at the Supreme Court from 76 to 77			