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"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE BUREAU OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH, AND THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEES OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1989; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Arkansas Legislative Council for the 1987-89 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees, the grades to be assigned to the respective positions, and the maximum annual salaries for each such position. The maximum annual salary for the position assigned to grades shall be determined in accordance with, but shall not exceed the maximum annual amount, for the grade assigned herein, as established in Section 5 of Act 199 of 1969, as amended, or its successor. The maximum annual salary of the Director, Asst. Directors, Special Asst. for Budget, Senior Staff Attorney, Economist, and State Personnel Review Administrator of said agency shall not exceed the maximum set forth herein. Except for the purpose of determining the maximum annual salary rate, which is to be applicable to each of the positions to which a salary grade is assigned hereafter, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of Act 199 of 1969, as amended, or its successor, all positions set forth herein shall be exempt from other provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, but shall not be exempt from the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act, or its successor.

Item	Class	Maximum No. of	Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate Fiscal Years

No.	Code	Title	Employees_1987-88	1988-89
(01)		DIRECTOR BUREAU OF LEGIS RSCH	1	69,398
(02)		ASST DIR/LEGAL & BILL DRAFTING	1	67,770
(03)		ASST DIR/RESEARCH & FISCAL	1	67,131
(04)		SPECIAL ASST/BUDGET	1	57,160
(05)		SENIOR STAFF ATTORNEY	1	51,817
(06)		ECONOMIST	1	50,000
(07)		STATE PERS REV ADMIN	1	46,095
(08)		LEGISLATIVE ATTORNEY	6	GRADE 25
(09)		LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE 24
		PROGRAM ANALYST	1	
(10)		LEGIS AUTOMATED SYS COORD	1	GRADE 23
(11)		SPECIAL PROJECTS ANALYST	1	GRADE 22
		LEGISLATIVE ANALYST	17	
(12)		DIRECTOR'S EXEC ASST	1	GRADE 19
		MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANALYST II	1	
(13)		ASST TO ASST DIR/LEGAL	1	GRADE 18
(14)		LEGIS ADMINISTRATIVE ASST	6	GRADE 17
		BUREAU FISCAL OFFICER	1	
(15)		ADMINISTRATIVE ASST II	4	GRADE 16
(16)		LEGIS MICRO/PHOTO SUPV	1	GRADE 15
(17)		REFERENCE ANALYST	1	GRADE 13
		COMMUN SYS MGR	1	
		LEGIS COMMITTEE SECRE	7	
		OFFICE SERVICES SUPV	1	
(18)		LEGISLATIVE CLERICAL SPEC	1	GRADE 11
(19)		FACILITIES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 10
		MAXIMUM NO. OF EMPLOYEES	62	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Arkansas Legislative Council for the 1987-89 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: twenty (20) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Arkansas Legislative Council, to be payable from the Constitutional and Fiscal Agencies Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Arkansas Legislative Council for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO. _____	1987-88 _____	1988-89 _____
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,929,641	\$ 1,929,641
(02) EXTRA HELP	21,000	21,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	367,983	367,983
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSES	\$ 445,959	\$ 450,893
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	100,846	103,872
(C) PROF. FEES	4,000	4,000
(D) CAPITAL OUTLAY	190,000	45,000
(E) DATA PROCESSING	_____ 37,320	_____ 37,320
TOTAL MAINT. & GEN. OPER.	778,125	641,085
(05) STATE CAPITOL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ROOMS	_____ 100,000	_____ 0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 3,196,749	\$ 2,959,709

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS - INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to be payable from the Constitutional and Fiscal Agencies Fund, for study expenses of the Joint Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO. _____	1987-88 _____	1988-89 _____
(01) STUDY EXPENSES	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS - INTERIM COMMITTEE EXPENSES. There is hereby appropriated, to be payable from the Constitutional and Fiscal Agencies Fund, for paying per diem, expenses, and mileage to members of the General Assembly attending regular and special meetings and other committee related activities

of the Joint Ad Interim Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO. _____	1987-88 _____	1988-89 _____
(01) PER DIEM, EXPENSES AND MILEAGE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO ATTEND MEETINGS OF JOINT AD INTERIM COMMITTEES	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
(02) OUT OF STATE TRAVEL OF INTERIM COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES	_____ 52,000	_____ 52,000
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 502,000	\$ 502,000

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS - SOUTHWEST REGIONAL ENERGY COUNCIL. There is hereby appropriated, to be payable from the State General Services Fund Account, for paying the State's contribution to the Southwest Regional Energy Council and paying expenses of members of the Arkansas General Assembly attending meetings of the Southwest Regional Energy Council for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO. _____	1987-88 _____	1988-89 _____
(01) PAYMENT OF STATE'S CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENSES OF MEMBERS	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATIONS - COMMUNICATIONS STUDY COMMITTEE. There is hereby appropriated, to be payable from the State General Services Fund Account, for professional services required to determine the overall statewide radio, telecommunications and automated information systems needs of the State of Arkansas for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO. _____	1987-88 _____	1988-89 _____
(01) PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$ 100,000	

SECTION 8. Payments made to members of the Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Facilities for per diem and mileage for attending meetings of the committee shall be paid from the appropriation made for paying per diem, expenses and mileage of the members of the Joint Ad Interim Committees.

SECTION 9. TRANSFER PROVISIONS. Any unexpended balance of any appropriation provided in this Act which remains at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988, shall be transferred forward and made available for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1989. In the event that unforeseen circumstances arise during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988 such that any appropriations made available for that year are insufficient, the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Arkansas Legislative Council shall certify the amount thereof to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, who upon receipt of the certification, shall transfer the amount so certified from the appropriation authorized for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1989 to the appropriate appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988 and for the same purposes.

SECTION 10. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research is hereby authorized to direct the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to transfer appropriation between the appropriations made in Section 3 of this Act for Extra Help, Operating Expenses, Conference and Travel Expenses, Professional Fees and Services, Capital Outlay and Data Processing in such amounts as determined necessary in either fiscal year of the 1987-89 biennium.

SECTION 11. PROCEDURES. It is the intent of the procedures set out in this Section that the Legislative Council shall coordinate, control, and authorize expenditures for Interim Committee Study Expenses whenever the Legislative Council deems the same to be in the better interest of comprehensive studies or research projects duly authorized by law or by appropriate action taken by the respective Joint Interim Committees. Whenever any of the Joint Interim Committees of the Arkansas General Assembly shall deem it necessary or advisable, in connection with any interim study activity authorized by law or undertaken by the committee, to hire consultants, actuaries, special technical or clerical employees or other assistance in connection with any such study, a written request therefor shall be filed with

the Legislative Council outlining the nature or purposes of the study, the need or necessity for hiring such special consultants, actuaries, technical and/or clerical employees or other assistance, and the estimated amount required therefor. If the Legislative Council shall deem that uncommitted funds are available for said purpose and that the request for funds for hiring consultants, actuaries, technical and/or clerical employees or other assistance will serve a useful purpose and that the cost is justified, the Legislative Council after seeking the advice of the Joint Interim Committee which made the request therefor, may proceed to employ such consultants, actuaries, technical and/or clerical employees or provide other assistance and may make payment therefor from the funds appropriated for Interim Committee Study Expenses. The Legislative Council may use the funds appropriated for Interim Committee Study Expenses in the same manner as the other Joint Interim Committees as is set out herein.

SECTION 12. DISBURSING OFFICER. The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of the Arkansas Legislative Council shall be the disbursing officer for the funds appropriated by this Act, including the Interim Committee Study Expenses and all expenditures from the appropriations provided by this Act shall be in accordance with procedures established by the Legislative Council and in accordance with appropriate law.

SECTION 13. INTERIM EXPENSES. The interim expense allowance provided by Act 274 of 1971 and all laws amendatory and supplemental thereto shall hereafter not be suspended during legislative sessions but shall continue year-round. Provided further, that in addition to the interim expenses allowance provided by Act 274 of 1971 and all laws amendatory and supplemental thereto, the Chairman of each of the Standing, Select, and Joint committees of either house of the General Assembly and the Cochairman of any committee of the General Assembly which does not function during the legislative session, shall be eligible to receive an additional \$100 per month, which such additional shall be paid from the same funds and appropriation and in the same manner as provided for the allowances authorized by Act 274 of 1971, and all laws amendatory and supplemental thereto.

SECTION 14. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 15. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 16. CONTRACT RESTRICTIONS. The agency, board, commission, department or institution to whom funds are appropriated by this Act shall not enter into any contract for any professional or consultant services which shall extend for more than twenty (20) actual working days or the total compensation exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000) during any one fiscal year without first seeking the advice of the Arkansas Legislative Council. Provided further, that all contracts for professional or consultant services shall be submitted monthly to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for reporting to the Legislative Council.

SECTION 17. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1987 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1987 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.

Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1987.

/s/ John E. Miller

