

State of Arkansas

76th General Assembly

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HOUSE BILL 1202

By: Joint Budget Committee

"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE ARKANSAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION 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 Arkansas Real Estate Commission for the 1987-89 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act, or its successor.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate	
				1987-88	1988-89
(1)	7103	REAL ESTATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY	1	\$36,496	\$36,496
(2)	7339	REAL ESTATE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECY	1	\$31,650	\$31,650
(3)	7104	REAL ESTATE CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	1	\$28,010	\$28,010
(4)	7105	REAL ESTATE ASST SECRETARY LIC	1	\$23,941	\$23,941
(5)	7106	REAL ESTATE INVESTIGATOR	3	\$23,185	\$23,185
(6)	7107	REAL ESTATE SECRETARY - ADMIN ASST	2	\$19,336	\$19,336
(7)	7108	REAL EST SECY - WORD PROCESS OPR II	1	\$17,408	\$17,408
(8)	7110	REAL ESTATE ACCOUNTANT	1	\$16,880	\$16,880

(9)	7109 REAL ESTATE EXAMINER	1	\$16,087	\$16,087
(10)	7340 REAL ESTATE SECRETARY III	1	\$15,033	\$15,033
(11)	7242 REAL ESTATE LICENSING ASST	1	\$14,510	\$14,510
(12)	7111 REAL ESTATE SECRETARY I	1	\$14,257	\$14,257
(13)	7112 REAL ESTATE LICENSING CLERK	<u>3</u>	\$12,680	\$12,680
	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	18		

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Real Estate Commission 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: three (3) 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 Arkansas Real Estate Commission, to be payable from cash funds of the Arkansas Real Estate Commission, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Real Estate Commission for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO. _____	1987-88 _____	1988-89 _____
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 344,222	\$ 344,222
(02) EXTRA HELP	16,000	16,000
(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	73,010	73,010
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A) OPER. EXPENSES	\$ 175,121	\$ 187,005
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	9,562	9,662
(C) PROF. FEES	22,429	22,429
(D) CAPITAL OUTLAY	23,261	7,001
(E) DATA PROCESSING	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL MAINT. & GEN. OPER.	230,373	226,097
(05) INVESTMENTS	165,000	165,000
(06) REFUNDS	<u>65,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 893,605	\$ 889,329

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS - REAL ESTATE RECOVERY. There is hereby appropriated to the Arkansas Real Estate Commission, to be payable from cash funds of the Arkansas Real Estate Commission, for the purpose of funding the Real Estate Recovery Fund for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
NO. _____	1987-88 _____	1988-89 _____
(01) INVESTMENTS	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
(02) DAMAGE PAYMENT	250,000	250,000
(03) EDUCATION	_____ 22,500	_____ 22,500
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 472,500	\$ 472,500

SECTION 5. The appropriation provided herein for "education" may be used to fund all expenses incurred in conducting educational seminars and other forms of educational projects for use and benefit generally of licensees, including the production and distribution of information literature of an educational nature.

SECTION 6. EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS. None of the funds appropriated in this Act for Maintenance and General Operation shall be expended in payment for services of attorneys, unless the agency shall first make a request in writing to the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas to provide the required legal services. The Attorney General's Office shall provide the requested legal services, or, if the Attorney General's Office shall determine that sufficient personnel are not available to provide the requested legal services, the Attorney General shall certify the same to the agency and may authorize the agency to employ legal counsel and to expend monies appropriated for Maintenance and General Operations therefor, if:

- (1) The Attorney General determines, and certifies in writing, that such agency needs the advice or assistance of legal counsel, and
- (2) The Attorney General consents in writing to the employment of the legal counsel to be retained by the agency.

Such certification shall be required with respect to each instance of the employment of special legal counsel, or shall be required annually with

respect to legal counsel employed on a retainer basis. A copy of such certification shall be entered in the official minutes of the agency, and shall be retained in the fiscal records of the agency for audit purposes.

SECTION 7. 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 8. 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 9. 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 10. 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

