

State of Arkansas

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HOUSE BILL 1420

By: Representatives Hutchinson, Watts and Dowd

"AN ACT TO CUT BY FIVE PERCENT THE SALARIES RECEIVED BY STATE EMPLOYEES WHOSE SALARIES EXCEED \$50,000 PER YEAR AND TO DEPOSIT THE SAVINGS INTO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. As of the first day of the first month after the effective date of this Act, the salaries of persons who are paid through an appropriation act of the General Assembly, except Supreme Court judges, Court of Appeals judges, circuit court judges, chancery judges, circuit-chancery judges and prosecuting attorneys, shall be decreased by five percent if such salaries exceed \$50,000 per year. Provided that no such person's salary shall be decreased below \$50,000 per year.

SECTION 2. The amount of savings for each pay period resulting from this Act shall be certified by the appropriate disbursing officers to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and that amount shall be transferred from the fund from which the saving occurred and deposited into the Public School Fund.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that due to the severe financial condition of the State extreme measures must be taken to economize State expenses; that it has been determined that those State employees whose salaries exceed \$50,000 should have their salaries decreased as soon as possible in order to result in

maximum savings to the State; and therefore this Act must go into effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

