

State of Arkansas  
76th General Assembly  
Regular Session, 1987  
By: Joint Budget Committee

HOUSE BILL 2062

"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS 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. APPROPRIATIONS - CASH. There is hereby appropriated to the State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists, to be payable from cash funds of the State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists, for operating expenses of the State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

| ITEM<br>NO.                  | FISCAL YEARS |          |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------|
|                              | 1987-88      | 1988-89  |
| (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | \$ 3,000     | \$ 3,000 |

SECTION 2. 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 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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.

