

State of Arkansas
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By: Joint Budget Committee

SENATE BILL 236

"AN AUTHORIZATION AND ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO DEFRAY
EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC RELATION ACTIVITIES
OF CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD
ENDING JUNE 30, 1991; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. It has been found and is declared that because of the nature of the duties imposed upon them by the Constitution, the officials hereinafter named are subject to great financial burdens, often approaching hardship, arising out of the necessity of maintaining satisfactory public relations with official guests of neighboring states, in the Federal Government, as well as other personages whose goodwill is essential to the welfare of the State of Arkansas. The remuneration of such officers is inadequate to bear this additional necessary expense, and there is urgent need to mitigate the inequity of this situation. It is therefore the purpose of this Act to promote the common good of the State of Arkansas by providing funds which will enable the named officials to continue beneficial public relations activities without personal financial hardships as follows for each fiscal year, to be disbursed according to law:

(01) GOVERNOR	\$ 19,000
(02) SECRETARY OF STATE	15,000
(03) TREASURER OF STATE	15,000
(04) AUDITOR OF STATE	15,000
(05) ATTORNEY GENERAL	15,000
(06) LAND COMMISSIONER	15,000
(07) LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	15,000
(08) PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE	10,000
(09) SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	10,000

SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT PROCEDURES. The amount for public relations expenses as may be herein appropriated, shall be payable on the first day of each calendar month in each of the foregoing fiscal years, upon invoice submitted by the foregoing officials, said invoice to stipulate only that this is for expenses incurred in public relations activities. The Auditor of State, after receiving such invoice from the foregoing officials, shall issue a warrant drawn in favor of each of the officials named in Section 1 hereof, in an amount not to exceed 1/12 of the authorization allocated to each such official, and the State Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay said warrant from the fund from which the appropriation is made payable; provided further, that each official enumerated in this Act who maintains a permanent residence outside of Pulaski County shall be furnished with a residence in a state-owned and operated facility at no charge during the official's term of office.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for defraying expenses in connection with public relations activities of the various Constitutional Officers, as may be provided by law for the biennial period ending June 30, 1991, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	1989-90	1990-91
(01) PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPENSES	\$ 129,000	\$ 129,000

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 6. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Seventh 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, 1989 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, 1989 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, 1989.