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A Bill

SENATE BILL 211

4 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND
9 OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE
10 COURTS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1997; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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13 "AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF
14 THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1995-97
15 BIENNIUM."
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
21 Administrative Office of the Courts for the 1995-97 biennium, the following
22 maximum number of regular employees and the grades assigned to the respective
23 positions, and the maximum annual salaries for each such position shall be
24 determined in accordance with, but shall not exceed the maximum annual amount
25 for the grade assigned herein, as established in Arkansas Code §21-5-209. The
26 maximum annual salary of the Director of said agency shall not exceed the
27 maximum set forth herein. Except for the purpose of determining the maximum
28 annual salary rate, which is applicable to each of the positions to which a
29 salary grade is assigned hereinafter, in accordance with all provisions of
30 Arkansas Code §21-5-209, all positions set forth herein shall be exempt from
31 other provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, but
32 shall not be exempt from the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures
33 and Restrictions Act, or its successor.

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Maximum Annual
Maximum Salary Rate

Item Class		No. of Fiscal Years			
No.	Code	Title	Employees	1995-96	1996-97
3	(1)	DIRECTOR	1	\$ 72,130	\$
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5	(2)	DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE 26	
6	(3)	LEGAL RESEARCH SPECIALIST	4	GRADE 25	
7	(4)	DATA PROCESSING CENTER MANAGER	1	GRADE 24	
8		INTERPRETER SC:L	1		
9	(5)	JUDICIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 22	
10	(6)	SYSTEMS ANALYST II	1	GRADE 21	
11	(7)	PROGRAMMER	1	GRADE 20	
12	(8)	DATA AUDITOR II	2	GRADE 19	
13		PUBLIC EDUCATION/PUBLICATIONS	1		
14		OFFICE MANAGER	1		
15		TRIAL COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT	4		
16	(9)	DATA AUDITOR I	4	GRADE 17	
17		BUSINESS CONTROLLER II	1		
18	(10)	EXEC/ADMIN SECRETARY	3	GRADE 13	
19	(11)	SHIPPING & RECEIVING CLERK	<u>1</u>	GRADE 10	
20		MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	28		

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Administrative Office of the Courts for the biennial period ending June 30, 1997, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS		
		1995-96	1996-97
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,050,555	\$ 1,063,577
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	273,144	276,530
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
	(A) OPER. EXPENSES	\$ 161,372	\$ 165,406
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	10,417	10,678
	(C) PROF. FEES	45,000	45,000

1	(D) CAPITAL OUTLAY	109,500	109,500		
2	(E) DATA PROCESSING	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		
3	TOTAL MAINT. & GEN. OPER.		\$ 326,289	\$	330,584
4	(04) MATCHING FOR FEDERAL GRANTS		25,000		25,000
5	(05) JUDICIAL EDUCATION		75,000		75,000
6	(06) JUVENILE PROBATION AND INTAKE				
7	OFFICERS		<u>1,400,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	
8	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED		<u>\$ 3,149,988</u>	<u>\$ 3,270,691</u>	

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10 SECTION 3. PLACEMENT OF TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. The

11 Arkansas Judicial Council, pursuant to the authority delegated and granted to

12 it by Act 864 of 1989, and not the Administrative Office of the Courts, shall

13 have the authority to designate which circuit, chancery, or circuit-chancery

14 court or courts shall have the authority to employ one of the state funded

15 trial court administrative assistants authorized by this Act. No circuit,

16 chancery, or circuit-chancery judge shall be authorized to employ, at any one

17 time, more than one (1) of such state funded trial court administrative

18 assistants, and no judge, who presently has a locally funded "administrative

19 trial assistant" or "case coordinator" shall be entitled to employ a state

20 funded trial court administrative assistant.

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22 SECTION 4. SELECTION OF TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. The

23 trial judge or judges of any circuit, chancery, or circuit-chancery court

24 which is authorized to employ a state funded trial court administrative

25 assistant, shall have the authority to select and hire the person who will

26 serve as the trial court administrative assistant, and any trial court

27 administrative assistant employed under the authority of this legislation

28 shall serve at the will and the pleasure of the judge, or a majority of

29 judges if more than one, employing and being supported by such trial court

30 administrative assistant.

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32 SECTION 5. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY. No administrative assistant

33 shall be placed in any judicial district until and unless a county or

34 counties within the judicial district shall agree to provide office space and

35 supplies required for the administrative assistant and the appropriate

1 computer hardware specified by the Administrative Office of the Courts and
2 necessary to accommodate the case processing software to be provided by the
3 Administrative Office of the Courts.

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5 SECTION 6. LEAVE AND ATTENDANCE. The trial court administrative
6 assistant employed under the authority of this legislation shall be subject
7 to, and their attendance and leave time shall be governed by the Uniform
8 Attendance and Leave Policy Act, as amended, Section 21-4-201, et seq.
9 However, the judge of each court served by each such trial court
10 administrative assistant shall have the authority and responsibility to
11 administer the Uniform Attendance and Leave Policy Act as applied to such
12 trial court administrative assistant.

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14 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATIONS. *There is hereby appropriated, to the*
15 *Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the Judicial Fine*
16 *Collection Enhancement Fund, for operating expenses for the purchase of*
17 *computer hardware and software to be used for uniform assessment, collection,*
18 *management and reporting of judicial fines for the biennial period ending*
19 *June 30, 1997, the following:*

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEARS</i>	
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>1995-96</i></u>	<u><i>1996-97</i></u>
<i>(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION</i>	<u><i>\$50,000</i></u>	<u><i>\$50,000</i></u>

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24 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATIONS. *There is hereby appropriated to the*
25 *Administrative Office of the Courts, to be payable from the State Central*
26 *Services Fund, for reasonable accommodations for persons with hearing and*
27 *visual impairments to act as a venireperson or juror for the biennial period*
28 *ending June 30, 1997, the following:*

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>FISCAL YEARS</i>	
<u><i>NO.</i></u>	<u><i>1995-96</i></u>	<u><i>1996-97</i></u>
<i>(01) AUXILIARY AIDS FOR PERSONS</i>		
<i>WITH HEARING & VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS</i>	<u><i>\$ 5,000</i></u>	<u><i>\$ 5,000</i></u>

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34 SECTION 9. *The Administrative Office of the Courts shall employ the*
35 *most cost efficient method of procuring auxiliary aids for persons with*

1 *hearing and visual impairments. These methods may include entering into a*
2 *contractual arrangement with another state agency or with a private entity*
3 *that is capable of providing these services.*

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5 SECTION 10. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
6 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
7 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
8 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
9 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
10 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
11 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
12 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
13 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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15 SECTION 11. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
16 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
17 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
18 which this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
19 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
20 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
21 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
22 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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24 SECTION 12. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and
25 permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and
26 the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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28 SECTION 13. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the
29 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such
30 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which
31 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
32 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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34 SECTION 14. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
35 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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SECTION 15. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Eightieth 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, 1995 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, 1995 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, 1995.

/s/Russ

.As Engrossed: 2/6/95 2/6/95 2/15/95 4/10/95

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