

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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3 Regular Session, 1997
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As Engrossed: S2/14/97 S3/18/97

A Bill

SENATE BILL 232

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

9 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND
10 OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE
11 BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1999; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AN ACT FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1997-99 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 - CENTRAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby
21 established for the Secretary of State - Cenral Operations for the 1997-99
22 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries
23 shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and
24 Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all
25 laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a
26 specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt
27 from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All
28 persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the
29 provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas
30 Code §21-5-101), or its successor.
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Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual		
			No. of	Salary Rate	
			Fiscal Years		
No.	Code	Title	Employees	1997-98	1998-99
36	(1)	7001 SEC OF STATE CHIEF DEPUTY	1	\$ 58,728	\$ 60,372

1	(2)	7019	SEC OF STATE GENERAL COUNSEL	1	\$ 58,729	\$ 60,373
2	(3)	7016	SEC OF STATE INFO SYSTEMS DIRECTOR	1	\$ 51,526	\$ 52,968
3	(4)	7015	SEC OF STATE BUSINESS DIRECTOR	1	\$ 49,718	\$ 51,110
4	(5)	7020	SEC OF STATE GOVT AFFAIRS DIRECTOR	1	\$ 47,092	\$ 48,410
5	(6)	7031	SEC OF STATE COMM/EVENTS COR	1	\$ 45,298	\$ 46,566
6	(7)	7013	SEC OF STATE COMMUNICATION/ED DIR	1	\$ 47,000	\$ 48,316
7	(8)	7014	SEC OF STATE ELECTION DIRECTOR	1	\$ 47,000	\$ 48,316
8	(9)	7041	SEC OF STATE CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER	1	\$ 39,790	\$ 40,904
9	(10)	7030	SEC OF STATE ELECTION SERVICES SUPV	1	\$ 39,345	\$ 40,446
10	(11)	7004	SEC OF STATE ED/INTNL VISIT CD	1	\$ 38,754	\$ 39,839
11	(12)	7009	SEC OF STATE HUMAN RESOURCES MGR	1	\$ 38,479	\$ 39,556
12	(13)	7028	SEC OF STATE BUSINESS PROJECTS MGR	1	\$ 38,369	\$ 39,443
13	(14)	7068	SEC OF STATE PROJECT COORDINATOR	1	\$ 37,565	\$ 38,616
14	(15)	7005	SEC OF STATE PROGRAMMER ANALYST	1	\$ 36,000	\$ 37,008
15	(16)	7801	SEC OF STATE NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	1	\$ 42,000	\$ 43,176
16	(17)	7018	SEC OF STATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	\$ 34,350	\$ 35,311
17	(18)	7058	SEC OF STATE ADMIN ASSISTANT	1	\$ 34,079	\$ 35,033
18	(19)	7805	SEC OF STATE RECEPTIONIST III	1	\$ 34,079	\$ 35,033
19	(20)	7006	SEC OF STATE CORPORATIONS MGR	1	\$ 33,936	\$ 34,886
20	(21)	7007	SEC OF STATE UNIFORM COMM CODE MGR	1	\$ 33,936	\$ 34,886
21	(22)	7040	SEC OF STATE PURCHASING MANAGER	1	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,980
22	(23)	7048	SEC OF STATE CAPITOL TOUR COORD	1	\$ 32,081	\$ 32,979
23	(24)	7150	SEC OF STATE CAPITOL HISTORIAN	1	\$ 32,039	\$ 32,936
24	(25)	7008	SEC OF STATE ACCOUNTANT	3	\$ 32,021	\$ 32,917
25	(26)	7153	SEC OF STATE PRODUCTION SPECL	1	\$ 30,112	\$ 30,955
26	(27)	7033	SEC OF STATE EDUCATION SVCS. COORD	1	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,756
27	(28)	7151	SEC OF STATE CUSTOMER SVCS COORD	1	\$ 29,774	\$ 30,607
28	(29)	7035	SEC OF STATE RECEPTIONIST II	1	\$ 25,539	\$ 26,254
29	(30)	7800	SEC OF STATE BUSINESS ASSISTANT	1	\$ 25,539	\$ 26,254
30	(31)	7010	SEC OF STATE RECORDS SPECIALIST	1	\$ 25,469	\$ 26,182
31	(32)	7157	SEC OF STATE HUMAN RESOURCES ASST	1	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,728
32	(33)	7043	SEC OF STATE PHOTOGRAPHER	2	\$ 24,946	\$ 25,644
33	(34)	7154	SEC OF STATE LEAD CORPORATIONS REP	4	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,644
34	(35)	7036	SEC OF STATE UCC REPRESENTATIVE II	3	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,644
35	(36)	7037	SEC OF STATE ELECT SVCS REP I	2	\$ 23,185	\$ 23,834

1	(37) 7038 SEC OF STATE CENTRAL SUPPLY SUPV	1	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,672
2	(38) 7802 SEC OF STATE CORPORATIONS REP	19	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,560
3	(39) 7168 SEC OF STATE UCC REP I	4	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,560
4	(40) 7169 SEC OF STATE PURCHASING ASST	1	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,560
5	(41) 7152 SEC OF STATE RECEPTIONIST I	1	\$ 17,978	\$ 18,481
6	(42) 7176 SEC OF STATE MAIL CLERK	<u>1</u>	\$ 17,926	\$ 18,427
7	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	72		

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9 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - CENTRAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby

10 authorized, for the Secretary of State - Central Operations for the 1997-99

11 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to

12 be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such

13 purposes: twenty-five (25) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at

14 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and

15 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate

16 classification.

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18 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATIONS - CENTRAL OPERATIONS. There is hereby

19 appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the State Central

20 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Secretary

21 of State - Central Operations for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999,

22 the following:

24	ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
25	NO.		1997-98	1998-99
26	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$	2,067,555	\$ 2,125,434
27	(02) EXTRA HELP		58,180	58,180
28	(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING		615,998	627,145
29	(04) COMPENSATORY TIME		5,000	5,000
30	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION			
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE		625,345	608,627
32	(B) CONF. & TRVL.		24,400	39,400
33	(C) PROF. FEES		51,750	50,000
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY		42,150	20,050
35	(E) DATA PROC.		29,000	29,000

1	(06)	MANDATORY PUBLICATIONS	345,000	0
2	(07)	PETITION VERIFICATION	100,000	150,000
3	(08)	PUBLISH LEGAL NOTICES	800,000	0
4	(09)	RECORDS MANAGEMENT	138,000	18,000
5	(10)	FLAGS	<u>115,000</u>	<u>0</u>
6		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 5,017,378</u>	<u>\$ 3,730,836</u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - SUPPORT OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Secretary of State - Support Operations for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-201 et seq.), 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 (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.

				Maximum Annual		
				Maximum	Salary Rate	
Item	Class			No. of	Fiscal Years	
No.	Code	Title		Employees	1997-98	1998-99
24	(1)	7045	SEC OF STATE BLDG GROUNDS DIRECTOR	1	\$ 49,718	\$ 51,110
25	(2)	7063	SEC OF STATE SKILLED TRADES MGR	1	\$ 49,011	\$ 50,383
26	(3)	7505	SEC OF STATE CAPITOL POLICE CHIEF	1	\$ 47,507	\$ 48,837
27	(4)	7044	SEC OF STATE BLDG OPERATIONS MGR	1	\$ 42,961	\$ 44,163
28	(5)	7046	SEC OF STATE GROUNDS MGR	1	\$ 42,834	\$ 44,033
29	(6)	7003	SEC OF STATE PROJECT FOREMAN	1	\$ 35,291	\$ 36,279
30	(7)	7508	SEC OF STATE POLICE SERGEANT	3	\$ 32,276	\$ 33,179
31	(8)	7049	SEC OF STATE BLDG MAINT SUPV	1	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,840
32	(9)	7813	SEC OF STATE MAINTENANCE WORKER II	2	\$ 29,544	\$ 30,371
33	(10)	8021	SEC OF STATE SKILLED TRADES SPEC	2	\$ 29,459	\$ 30,283
34	(11)	8022	SEC OF STATE BLDG&GRNDS PROJ COORD	1	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,840
35	(12)	7051	SEC OF STATE CUST SVCS SHIFT SUPV	1	\$ 26,875	\$ 27,627

1	(13)	7052 SEC OF STATE SKILLED TRADE WORKER	2	\$ 23,190	\$ 23,839
2	(14)	7816 SEC OF STATE INMATE CREW GUARD II	1	\$ 23,190	\$ 23,839
3	(15)	7817 SEC OF STATE MAINTENANCE WORKER I	3	\$ 23,190	\$ 23,839
4	(16)	7080 SEC OF STATE CUSTODIAN II	1	\$ 22,895	\$ 23,536
5	(17)	7054 SEC OF STATE CORPORAL	10	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,756
6	(18)	7152 SEC OF STATE RECEPTIONIST I	1	\$ 17,978	\$ 18,481
7	(19)	7818 SEC OF STATE GROUNDS ASSISTANT	1	\$ 17,978	\$ 18,481
8	(20)	7055 SEC OF STATE INMATE CREW GUARD I	4	\$ 17,978	\$ 18,481
9	(21)	7056 SEC OF STATE CUSTODIAN I	12	\$ 17,978	\$ 18,481
10	(22)	7821 SEC OF STATE CAPITOL HILL CUSTODIAN	1	\$ 18,979	\$ 19,510
11	(23)	7158 SEC OF STATE PARKING LOT ATTENDANT	1	\$ 17,978	\$ 18,481
12	(24)	8023 SEC OF STATE DISPATCHER	1	\$ 17,978	\$ 18,481
13	(25)	7143 SEC OF STATE DISPATCHER	<u>2</u>	\$ 17,978	\$ 18,481
14		MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	56		

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16 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - SUPPORT OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 17 authorized, for the Secretary of State - Support Operations for the 1997-99
 18 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to
 19 be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such
 20 purposes: five (5) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of
 21 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 22 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 23 classification.

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25 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS - SUPPORT OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 26 appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the State Central
 27 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Secretary
 28 of State - Support Operations for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999,
 29 ~~the following:~~

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31	ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
32	NO.		1997-98	1998-99
33	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 1,415,561	\$ 1,455,179
34	(02)	EXTRA HELP	8,900	8,900
35	(03)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	443,915	451,536

1	(04)	COMPENSATORY TIME	5,000	5,000
2	(05)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
3	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	531,150	556,250
4	(B)	CONF. & TRVL.	9,600	10,900
5	(C)	PROF. FEES	100,000	100,000
6	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	71,100	18,600
7	(E)	DATA PROC.	0	0
8	(06)	MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	209,000	253,400
9	(07)	BUILDING INSURANCE	70,000	70,000
10	(08)	CAPITOL GROUND IMPROVEMENTS	<u>60,500</u>	<u>60,500</u>
11		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 2,924,726</u>	<u>\$ 2,990,265</u>

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13 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATIONS - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the
 14 Secretary of State, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code
 15 ~~19-4-801 of the Secretary of State, for operating expenses of the Secretary of~~
 16 State for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

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18	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
19	NO.	1997-98	1998-99
20	(01)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 232,000 \$ 300,000
22	(B)	CONF. & TRVL.	0 0
23	(C)	PROF. FEES	68,000 0
24	(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0 0
25	(E)	DATA PROC.	<u>0</u> <u>0</u>
26		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 300,000</u> <u>\$ 300,000</u>

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28 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATIONS - CORPORATE FILING FEES AND CORPORATE
 29 FRANCHISE TAX REFUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of
 30 State, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for making
 31 refunds/reimbursements of various corporate filing fees and corporate
 32 franchise tax paid for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the
 33 following:

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35	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
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1	NO.		1997-98	1998-99
2	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS		<u>\$ 500,000</u>	<u>\$ 500,000</u>

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4 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATIONS - LEGISLATIVE PORTRAITS. There is hereby

5 appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the State Central

6 Services Fund, for costs associated with the production and repair of

7 legislative portraits by the Secretary of State for the biennial period ending

8 June 30, 1999, the sum of \$3,600.

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10 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATIONS - SIGNATURE IMAGING SYSTEM. There is hereby

11 appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the Signature

12 Imaging System Fund, for the acquisition and operation of a signature imaging

13 system by the Secretary of State for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999,

14 the sum of \$300,000.

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16 SECTION 11. REGULAR SALARIES - VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM. There is

17 hereby established for the Secretary of State - Voter Registration System for

18 the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose

19 salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and

20 Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all

21 laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a

22 specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt

23 from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All

24 persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the

25 provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas

26 ~~Code §21-5-101), or its successor.~~

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28	Maximum Annual					
29			Maximum	Salary Rate		
30	Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Years		
31	No.	Code	Title	Employees	1997-98	1998-99
32	(1)	7808	SEC OF STATE VOTER SVCS SUPV	1	\$ 39,345	\$ 40,446
33	(2)	7809	SEC OF STATE ELECTION SVCS REP II	1	\$ 29,018	\$ 29,018
34	(3)	8976	SEC OF STATE NETWORK SPECIALIST	1	\$ 36,000	\$ 37,008
35	(4)	7812	SEC OF STATE LEGAL ASSISTANT	1	\$ 29,192	\$ 30,009

1	(5) 7810 SEC OF STATE HELP DESK REP	2	\$ 23,185	\$ 23,834
2	(6) 7811 SEC OF STATE VOTER SVCS REP	2	\$ 23,185	\$ 23,834
3	MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES	8		

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 5 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATIONS - VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM. There is hereby
 6 appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the State Central
 7 ~~Services Fund, for personal services and expenses for the operation,~~
 8 maintenance and enhancement of the motor voter system of the Secretary of
 9 State - Voter Registration System for the biennial period ending June 30,
 10 1999, the following:

12	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
13	NO.	1997-98	1998-99
14	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 226,295	\$ 231,817
15	(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	67,201	68,165
16	(03) MOTOR VOTER SYSTEM OPERATION/ 17 MAINTENANCE/ENHANCEMENT		—
18	<u>438,000</u> <u>408,000</u>		
19	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 731,496</u>	<u>\$ 707,982</u>

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 21 ~~SECTION 13. APPROPRIATIONS - HISTORICAL REPORT. There is hereby~~
 22 appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the State Central
 23 Services Fund, for the publication of the Historical Report as required by
 24 Arkansas Code §25-18-223 by the Secretary of State for the biennial period
 25 ending June 30, 1999, the following:

27	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
28	NO.	1997-98	1998-99
29	(01) PUBLISHING EXPENSES	<u>\$ 120,980</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

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 31 SECTION 14. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. REIMBURSEMENT. The Miscellaneous
 32 Revolving Fund shall be reimbursed in the manner provided by law.

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 34 SECTION 15. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. CARRY FORWARD. At the close of the
 35 fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, any unexpended appropriation and funds

1 provided in items (05)(D), (06) and (08) of Section 3 and items (05)(D) of
2 Section 6 herein, shall be carried forward and made available for the same
3 purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.

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5 SECTION 16. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code §25-18-206(c) is hereby
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "(c)(1) The Secretary of State shall reserve from sale copies of the acts of
8 the General Assembly for free distribution of one (1) copy of each, as they
9 are published and bound, to the following officers, only upon written request
10 therefor within thirty (30) days following the date of adjournment sine die of
11 any legislative session:

- 12 (A) County and probate judges;
- 13 (B) County clerks;
- 14 (C) Prosecuting attorneys;
- 15 (D) Municipal judges;
- 16 (E) Circuit judges;
- 17 (F) Chancery judges;
- 18 (G) The Supreme Court Reporter;
- 19 (H) Supreme Court Justices;
- 20 (I) Court of Appeals Judges;
- 21 (J) The Supreme Court Librarian;
- 22 (K) The Attorney General;
- 23 (L) Each state department;
- 24 (M) Justices of the peace;
- 25 (N) Circuit clerks;
- 26 (O) Sheriffs;
- 27 (P) Tax collectors;
- 28 (Q) County treasurers;
- 29 (R) Assessors; and
- 30 (S) Members of the General Assembly.

31 (2) However, the Attorney General shall, upon written request within the
32 same time period, be supplied with two (2) copies of each."

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34 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code §25-18-206(e) is hereby
35 amended to read as follows:

1 "(e) A justice of the peace must state in his request that as justice
2 of the peace he is actively engaged in the hearing and trial of civil or
3 criminal cases and matters."
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5 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. STATE CAPITOL POLICE. In the event that
6 sufficient revenues, in the judgment of the Secretary of State exist, the
7 Secretary is hereby authorized to make additional salary payments from such
8 funds to those employees who have attained law enforcement certification above
9 the basic certificate level, as defined by the Arkansas Commission on Law
10 Enforcement Standards.

11 It is the intent of this Section that such payment shall be optional, at
12 the discretion of the Secretary, dependent on sufficient revenues and shall
13 not be implemented using funds specifically set aside for other programs
14 within the Department.

15 Employees shall be eligible for all or a portion of additional salary
16 payments scheduled as follows:

17	<u>I. General Certificate</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$300 annually</u>
18	<u>II. Intermediate Certificate</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$600 annually</u>
19	<u>III. Advanced Certificate</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$900 annually</u>
20	<u>IV. Senior Certificate</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$1,200 annually</u>

21 Payment of such funds may be made monthly, quarterly, semiannually or
22 annually depending upon the availability of revenues and shall be restricted
23 to the following classifications:

- 24 1. Sec. of State Capitol Police Chief
- 25 2. Sec. of State Police Sergeant
- 26 3. Sec. of State Corporal

27 Payments made under this Section which are awarded as partial or lump
28 sum payments shall not be considered as salary for purposes of retirement
29 benefits but shall be subject to withholding of all applicable federal and
30 state taxes. Payments made under this Section shall not be construed as
31 exceeding the maximum annual salary of the employee.
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33 SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. One member of the State Capitol Police
34 shall be assigned to the Arkansas Senate, upon request; that said officer be
35 selected by the Arkansas Senate Efficiency Chairman or his designee in charge

1 of security procedures for the Senate; and that said officer remain a full-
2 time employee of the State Capitol Police with accrued benefits and remain on
3 duty with the State Capitol Police when not on call with the Arkansas Senate.
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5 SECTION 20. 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 control
11 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the
12 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 21. 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 which
18 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 22. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and
25 permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the
26 Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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28 SECTION 23. 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 24. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
35 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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SECTION 25. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Eighty-First 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, 1997 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, 1997 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, 1997.

/s/Russ et al

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