

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

1 State of Arkansas  
2 81st General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1997

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 276

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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 OF THE OFFICIAL COURT REPORTERS OF THE  
11 CIRCUIT AND CHANCERY COURTS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING  
12 JUNE 30, 1999; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

14 "AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE  
15 APPROPRIATION FOR OFFICIAL COURT  
16 REPORTERS FOR THE 1997-99 BIENNIUM."  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
22 official court reporters of the Circuit and Chancery Courts for the 1997-99  
23 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries  
24 shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and  
25 Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all  
26 laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a  
27 specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt  
28 from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All  
29 persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the  
30 provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas  
31 Code §21-5-101), or its successor.  
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Item	Class	No. of	Maximum Annual
		Employees	Salary Rate
			Fiscal Years
<del>No.</del>	<del>Code</del>	<del>Title</del>	<del>1997-98 1998-99</del>

1 (1) COURT REPORTER 106 GRADE 19  
 2 MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES 106

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 4 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor  
 5 of State, to be payable from the Court Reporters Fund, for personal services  
 6 and operating expenses of the official court reporters of the Circuit and  
 7 Chancery Courts for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

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9 ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
10 <del>NO.</del>	<del>1997-98</del>	<del>1998-99</del>
11 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 4,357,815	\$ 4,490,878
12 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,098,130	1,131,661
13 (03) EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	170,680	170,680
14 (04) INDIGENT TRANSCRIPTS	455,000	455,000
15 (05) COURT REPORTER SUBSTITUTES	<u>125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 6,206,625</u>	<u>\$ 6,373,219</u>

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 18 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
 19 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
 20 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
 21 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and  
 22 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
 23 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control  
 24 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the  
 25 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
 26 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 28 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
 29 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
 30 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which  
 31 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
 32 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
 33 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
 34 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
 35 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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

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6 SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the  
7 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such  
8 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which  
9 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this  
10 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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12 SECTION 7. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict  
13 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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15 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the  
16 Eighty-First General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas  
17 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that  
18 the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1997 is essential to the operation of  
19 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
20 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
21 date of this Act beyond July 1, 1997 could work irreparable harm upon the  
22 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
23 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
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25 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1997.

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