

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

As Engrossed: S2/18/97

A Bill

SENATE BILL 407

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5 By: Senate Efficiency 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 ARKANSAS SENATE STAFF SERVICES
11 FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1999; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

15 "AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE STAFF
16 SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1997-99
17 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 - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby
22 established for the Arkansas Senate - Staff Services for the 1997-99 biennium,
23 the following maximum number of regular employees, the grades to be assigned
24 to the respective positions, and the maximum annual salaries for each such
25 position. The maximum annual salary for the position assigned to grades shall
26 be determined in accordance with, but shall not exceed the maximum annual
27 amount for the grade assigned herein, as established in Arkansas Code §21-5-
28 209. The maximum annual salary for the positions set out in dollars shall not
29 exceed the maximum set forth herein. Except for the purpose of determining
30 the maximum annual salary rate, which is to be applicable to each of the
31 positions to which a salary grade is assigned hereinafter, in accordance with
32 the provisions of Arkansas Code §21-5-209, all positions set forth herein
33 shall be exempt from other provisions of the Uniform Classification and
34 Compensation Act, or its successor, but shall not be exempt from the
35 provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act, or its
36 successor.

Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate	
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Fiscal Years
			Employees	1997-98
				1998-99
1	(1)	SENATE CHIEF OF STAFF	1	\$ 76,016
2	(2)	SENATE COUNSEL	1	\$ 78,145
3	(3)	SECRETARY OF THE SENATE/FISCAL OFFICER	1	62,749
4	(4)	SENATE INFORMATION OFFICER	1	64,506
5	(5)	SENATE ASS'T FISCAL OFFICER	1	58,490
6	(6)	SENATE PROPERTIES OFFICER	1	60,128
7	(7)	SENATE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	52,885
8		Maximum Number of Employees	7	54,366
9				34,345
10				33,410
11				32,160
12				20,000
13				20,560

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Senate for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

ITEM		FISCAL YEARS	
NO.		1997-98	1998-99
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 335,710	\$ 345,110
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	83,927	86,277
(03)	MAINTENANCE & GENERAL OPERATIONS	<u>127,327</u>	<u>53,479</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 546,964</u>	<u>\$ 484,866</u>

SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - CONSTITUENCY SERVICES. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Senate - Constituency Services for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees, the grades to be assigned to the respective positions, and the maximum annual salaries for each such position. The maximum annual salary for the position assigned to grades shall be determined in accordance with, but shall not exceed the maximum annual amount for the grade assigned herein, as established in Arkansas Code §21-5-209. The maximum annual salary of the Senate Constituency Services Director of said agency shall not exceed the maximum set forth herein. Except

1 for the purpose of determining the maximum annual salary rate, which is to be
 2 applicable to each of the positions to which a salary grade is assigned
 3 hereinafter, in accordance with the provisions of Arkansas Code §21-5-209, all
 4 positions set forth herein shall be exempt from other provisions of the
 5 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, but shall not
 6 be exempt from the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and
 7 Restrictions Act, or its successor.

			Maximum Annual		
			Maximum	Salary Rate	
Item Class			No. of Fiscal Years		
No.	Code	Title	Employees	1997-98	1998-99
13	(1)	Senate Constituency Services Director	1	\$47,000	
14		\$48,504			
15	(2)	Legislative Analyst	2	Grade 22	
16	(2)	Legislative Committee Secretary	<u>1</u>	Grade 14	
17		Maximum No. of Employees	4		

19 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS - CONSTITUENCY SERVICES. There is hereby
 20 appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central
 21 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas
 22 Senate - Constituency Services for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999,
 23 the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
	1997-98	1998-99
26 NO.		
27 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$169,564	\$171,068
28 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	38,928	39,210
29 (03) MAINTENANCE & GENERAL OPERATIONS		
30 (A) OPER. EXPENSES	4,000	4,100
31 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	9,000	9,225
32 (C) PROF. FEES	0	0
33 (D) CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	0
34 (E) DATA PROCESSING	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
35 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$221,492</u>	<u>\$223,603</u>

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SECTION 5. REGULAR SALARIES - COMMITTEE STAFFING. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Senate - Committee Staffing for the 1997-99 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees, the grades to be assigned to the respective positions, and the maximum annual salaries for each such position. The maximum annual salary for the position assigned to grades shall be determined in accordance with, but shall not exceed the maximum annual amount for the grade assigned herein, as established in Arkansas Code §21-5-209. Except for the purpose of determining the maximum annual salary rate, which is to be applicable to each of the positions to which a salary grade is assigned hereinafter, in accordance with the provisions of Arkansas Code §21-5-209, all positions set forth herein shall be exempt from other provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, but shall not be exempt from the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act, or its successor.

				Maximum Annual	
				Maximum	Salary Rate
				No. of	Fiscal Years
Item	Class			Employees	1997-98 1998-99
No.	Code	Title			
(1)		Legislative Analyst		5	Grade 22
(2)		Legislative Committee Secretary		<u>5</u>	Grade 14
Maximum No. of Employees				10	

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS - COMMITTEE STAFFING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Senate - Committee Staffing for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999, the following:

		FISCAL YEARS	
		1997-98	1998-99
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 339,768	\$ 339,768
(02)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	84,942	84,942
(03)	MAINTENANCE & GENERAL OPERATIONS		

1	(A) OPER. EXPENSES	21,000	21,525
2	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	15,000	15,375
3	(C) PROF. FEES	0	0
4	(D) CAPITAL OUTLAY	38,390	0
5	(E) DATA PROCESSING	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 499,100</u>	<u>\$ 461,610</u>

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8 SECTION 7. There is hereby appropriated, to be payable from the

9 Constitutional Officers Fund, to the Arkansas Senate, to be used for payment

10 of per diem and mileage of members of the Arkansas Senate who attend the

11 Biennial Senate Orientation program held prior to the convening of the 1999

12 Regular Session of the General Assembly, the sum of \$ 5,000.

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14 SECTION 8. REAPPROPRIATION AND CARRYOVER. There is hereby appropriated

15 to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund or

16 the State Central Services Fund, whichever is appropriate, for the biennial

17 period ending June 30, 1999, the balance of the appropriations enacted by the

18 Eighty-First General Assembly to defray the expenses of the Arkansas Senate of

19 the Eighty-First General Assembly, Act 3 of the First Extraordinary Session of

20 the Eightieth General Assembly and Sections 4 and 5 of Act 143 of 1995, in a

21 sum in the aggregate of not to exceed \$ 900,000.

22 Any balance remaining on June 30, 1998 in the appropriation provided by

23 Section 2 of this act for Maintenance and General Operations shall be carried

24 forward and made available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999 for the

25 same purposes.

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27 SECTION 9. COMPUTERIZATION. There is hereby appropriated to the

28 Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for

29 expenses necessary in continuing the computerization of the legislative

30 process in the Arkansas Senate, the sum of \$ 500,000.

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32 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - SENATE COMMITTEES. The Senate

33 Efficiency Committee may employ, using positions authorized in Section 5,

34 Legislative Analysts and secretaries for Senate committees.

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1 SECTION 11. TRANSFERS. If the Senate Efficiency Committee and the
2 Senate Fiscal Officer, subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate, should
3 determine that any item or portion thereof appropriated herein for a specific
4 purpose is not needed for such purpose, the Senate Fiscal Officer may certify
5 such fact to the State Auditor and the State Auditor shall cause a transfer to
6 be made from one item to another.

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8 SECTION 12. SENATE EMPLOYEES. The Senate Efficiency Committee may, at
9 its discretion and subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate, employ,
10 transfer or discharge Arkansas Senate employees if it is determined by the
11 committee to be in the best interest of the Arkansas Senate. The actual
12 salaries to be paid to employees of the Arkansas Senate shall be determined by
13 the Senate Efficiency Committee within the funds, appropriations and maximum
14 annual salaries as may be available.

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16 SECTION 13. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
17 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
18 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
19 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
20 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
21 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control
22 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the
23 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
24 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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26 SECTION 14. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
27 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
28 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which
29 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
30 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
31 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
32 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
33 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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35 SECTION 15. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and

1 permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the
2 Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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4 SECTION 16. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the
5 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such
6 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which
7 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
8 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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10 SECTION 17. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
11 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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

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/s/Senate Efficiency Committee

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