

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 83rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2001

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1209

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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
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE STATE BOARD OF
11 REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS FOR THE
12 BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2003; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION
17 FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS APPROPRIATION
18 FOR THE 2001-2003 BIENNIAL.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the State
25 Board of Registration for Professional Geologists for the 2001-2003 biennium,
26 the following maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be
27 governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act
28 (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory
29 thereto. Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum
30 annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the
31 provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons
32 occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of
33 the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-
34 101), or its successor.
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Maximum Annual

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Years
No. Code Title	Empl oyees	2001-2002 2002-2003
(1) 8706 GEOLOGY BRD BUSINESS CONTROLLER I	1	\$22,513 \$23,098
(2) 8704 GEOLOGY BOARD CLERK TYPIST	1	\$15,749 \$16,158
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2	

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists, for personal services and operating expenses of the State Board of Registration for Professional Geologists for the biennial period ending June 30, 2003, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEARS	
		2001-2002	2002-2003
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 38,262	\$ 39,256
(02)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	12,705	12,881
(03)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	31,046	31,046
(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	2,000	2,000
(C)	PROF. FEES	0	0
(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	2,500	2,000
(E)	DATA PROC.	0	0
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 86,513</u>	<u>\$ 87,183</u>

SECTION 3. EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEYS. None of the funds appropriated in this Act for Maintenance and General Operation shall be expended in payment for services of attorneys, unless the agency shall first make a request in writing to the Attorney General of the State of Arkansas to provide the required legal services. The Attorney General's Office shall provide the requested legal services, or, if the Attorney General's Office shall determine that sufficient personnel are not available to provide the requested legal services, the Attorney General shall certify the same to the agency and may authorize the agency to employ legal counsel and to expend monies appropriated for Maintenance and General Operations therefor, if:

1 (1) The Attorney General determines, and certifies in writing, that such
2 agency needs the advice or assistance of legal counsel, and

3 (2) The Attorney General consents in writing to the employment of the
4 legal counsel to be retained by the agency.

5 Such certification shall be required with respect to each instance of the
6 employment of special legal counsel, or shall be required annually with
7 respect to legal counsel employed on a retainer basis. A copy of such
8 certification shall be entered in the official minutes of the agency, and
9 shall be retained in the fiscal records of the agency for audit purposes.

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11 SECTION 4. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED
12 SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND BALANCES. (A) For all
13 appropriations as provided in this Act, the agency disbursing officer shall
14 monitor the level of fund balances in relation to expenditures on a monthly
15 basis. If any proposed expenditures would cause a fund balance to decline to
16 less than fifty percent (50%) of the balance available on July 1, 2001, the
17 disbursing officer shall immediately notify the executive head of the agency.

18 Prior to any obligations being made under these circumstances, the agency
19 head shall file written documentation with the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
20 State requesting approval of the expenditures. Such documentation shall
21 provide sufficient financial data to justify the expenditures and shall
22 include the following:

- 23 1) a plan that clearly indicates the specific fiscal impact of such
- 24 expenditures on the fund balance.
- 25 2) information clearly indicating and explaining what programs would be cut or
- 26 any other measures to be taken by the agency to restore the fund balance.
- 27 3) the extent to which any of the planned expenditures are for one-time costs
- 28 or one-time purchase of capitalized items.
- 29 4) a statement certifying that the expenditure of fund balances will not
- 30 jeopardize the financial health of the agency, nor result in a permanent
- 31 depletion of the fund balance.

32 (B) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall review the request and
33 approve or disapprove all or any part of the request, after having sought
34 prior review by the Legislative Council.

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36 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by

1 this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made
2 available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions
3 of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures
4 Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and
5 Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this
6 State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of
7 Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied
8 with in disbursement of said funds.

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10 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
11 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
12 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
13 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
14 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
15 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
16 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
17 Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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19 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
20 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
21 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
22 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2001 is essential to the operation of the
23 agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the
24 event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date
25 of this Act beyond July 1, 2001 could work irreparable harm upon the proper
26 administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an
27 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
28 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full
29 force and effect from and after July 1, 2001.