

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 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1296

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE OFFICIAL
11 COURT REPORTERS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS FOR THE
12 BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE -
17 OFFICIAL COURT REPORTERS APPROPRIATION
18 FOR THE 2003-2005 BIENNIUM.
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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 - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby
25 established for the official court reporters of the Circuit Courts for the
26 2003-2005 biennium, the following maximum number of regular employees whose
27 salaries shall be governed by the provisions of the Uniform Classification
28 and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor,
29 and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however, that any position to
30 which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be
31 exempt from the provisions of said Uniform Classification and Compensation
32 Act. All persons occupying positions authorized herein are hereby governed
33 by the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act
34 (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its successor.
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36 Maximum Annual



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Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Years 2003-2004	2004-2005
(1)	COURT REPORTER	<u>116</u>	GRADE 19	
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	116		

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the Court Reporter's Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the official court reporters of the Circuit Courts for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEARS	
		2003-2004	2004-2005
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 5,442,912	\$ 5,442,912
(02)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	1,322,526	1,322,526
(03)	EXPENSES ALLOWANCE	225,000	225,000
(04)	INDIGENT TRANSCRIPTS	475,000	475,000
(05)	COURT REPORTER SUBSTITUTES	<u>175,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 7,640,438</u>	<u>\$ 7,640,438</u>

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

SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
2 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
3 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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5 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
6 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
7 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
8 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of
9 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
10 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
11 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the
12 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
13 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
14 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
15 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.