

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 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

SENATE BILL 203

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5 By: Senator Malone
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 STATE TO DETERMINE THE PAYMENT DATE OF THE PAY
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-4-702(d), pertaining to time limits for
26 presenting vouchers, is amended to read as follows:

27 (d)(1)(A) In the event a biweekly pay period for personal services, as
28 defined in §§ 19-4-521 and 19-4-1607, commences in the closing period of one
29 (1) fiscal period and either ends in the following fiscal year or is paid in
30 the following fiscal year, then the payment of the obligation may be made in
31 whole from the appropriation for either fiscal period, as determined by the
32 Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

33 (B) However, in no event shall any obligation be incurred
34 unless there are funds on hand or estimated to become available to meet the
35 obligation when it becomes due.

36 (2)(A) For purposes of wages and compensation, the Chief Fiscal



1 Officer of the State may determine the starting date of authorized job
 2 classifications and positions to coincide with the payment of the obligation
 3 under subdivision (d)(1) of this section.

4 (B) However, the determination under subdivision (d)(2)(A)
 5 of this section shall not cause any state fiscal year to be charged with
 6 fewer than twenty-six (26) or more than twenty-seven (27) biweekly pay
 7 periods.

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 9 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
 10 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that in order to more effectively
 11 manage and administer state budgetary matters, the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 12 the State needs the flexibility to determine the fiscal year funds from which
 13 the payment is made for a pay period that begins in one (1) fiscal year and
 14 ends in the subsequent fiscal year; that positions that start during a pay
 15 period that covers two (2) fiscal years create budgetary and accounting
 16 issues; that the Chief Fiscal Officer needs the flexibility to determine the
 17 start date for these positions; and that this act is immediately necessary in
 18 order to provide for appropriate budgetary and accounting measures before the
 19 end of the current fiscal year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist
 20 and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
 21 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

22 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

23 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
 24 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
 25 bill; or

26 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
 27 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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