

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 681

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5 By: Senate Efficiency

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS
11 SENATE - STAFF FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING
12 JUNE 30, 2007; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE - STAFF
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2005-2007
18 BIENNIUM.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby established
24 for the Arkansas Senate for the 2005-2007 biennium, the following maximum
25 number of regular employees, the grades to be assigned to the respective
26 positions, and the maximum annual salaries for each such position. The
27 maximum annual salary for the position assigned to grades shall be determined
28 in accordance with, but shall not exceed the maximum annual amount for the
29 grade assigned herein, as established in Arkansas Code 21-5-209. Except for
30 the purpose of determining the maximum annual salary rate, which is to be
31 applicable to each of the positions to which a salary grade is assigned
32 hereinafter, in accordance with the provisions of Arkansas Code 21-5-209, all
33 positions set forth herein shall be exempt from other provisions of the
34 Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, but shall not
35 be exempt from the provisions of the Regular Salaries Procedures and
36 Restrictions Act, or its successor.



Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate	
			2005-2006	2006-2007
(1)	SEN. CHIEF OF STAFF	1	\$101,499	\$103,931
(2)	SEC OF THE SENATE/FISCAL OFFICER	1	\$93,850	\$96,186
(3)	SEN. CHIEF COUNSEL	1	\$86,200	\$88,441
(4)	SEN. PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE 24	
(5)	SEN. CONSTITUENCY SVS. COORDINATOR	1	GRADE 24	
(6)	SEN. RESEARCH/SPECIAL PROJECTS MGR	1	GRADE 23	GRADE 24
(7)	SEN. CONSTITUENT ADVISOR	2	GRADE 22	
(8)	SEN. ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE 20	
(9)	SEN. LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE 18	
(10)	SEN. ADMIN. ASST. TO CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE 18	
(11)	SEN. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	1	GRADE 17	
(12)	SEN. PROPERTIES OFFICER	<u>1</u>	GRADE 17	
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POSITIONS		13		

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - 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 - Staff Services for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEARS	
		2005-2006	2006-2007
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 747,000	\$ 767,517
(02)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	209,160	214,905
(03)	MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL OPERATIONS	<u>175,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED		<u>\$ 1,131,160</u>	<u>\$ 1,157,422</u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - ORIENTATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for expenses of the Biennial State Orientation including the payment of per diem and mileage of members of the Arkansas Senate who attend the Biennial Senate Orientation program held prior to the convening of the 2007 Regular Session of the General Assembly, the sum of.....\$15,000.

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SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION AND CARRYOVER. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund or the State Central Services Fund, whichever is appropriate, for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the balance of the appropriations enacted by the Eighty-fifth General Assembly to defray the expenses of the Arkansas Senate of the Eighty-fifth General Assembly, as enacted by Section 1 of Act 2 of 2005; Section 3 of Act 3 of 2003; Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Act 1149 of 2003; Act 292 of 2003; Act 2 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003, and Act 36 of the Second Extraordinary Session of 2003, in a sum in the aggregate not to exceed.....\$4,800,000.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - COMPUTERIZATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for expenses necessary in continuing the computerization of the legislative process in the Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for construction, improvements, renovations and equipping of the Arkansas Senate facilities and other purposes of the Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.

SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code 10-2-102 is amended to read as follows:

10-2-102. Duties of Secretary of Senate, Senate Chief of Staff, Clerk of House, and other officers.

(a) The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, with their respective clerical forces, shall perform all duties required in the engrossment and enrollment of bills and all necessary work as clerks of committees.

(b) (1) ~~The Secretary of the Senate, the Senate Fiscal Officer, the Senate Assistant Fiscal Officer, and the Senate Properties Officer~~ employees of the Senate shall perform such duties during the regular session of the General Assembly and during the interim between the convening of special sessions and the next regular session of the General Assembly as may be provided by the

1 rules of the Senate or by the Senate Efficiency Committee, subject to the
 2 approval of the Senate.

3 (2) The Senate Chief of Staff shall be appointed by the Senate Efficiency
 4 Committee subject to the approval of the Senate.

5 (3) The Senate Chief of Staff shall hereafter perform all duties imposed
 6 upon the Secretary of the Senate by law with respect to contingent expenses,
 7 contracts, procurement, and the inventory report to the Secretary of State.

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9 SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code 10-2-125 is amended to read
 10 as follows:

11 10-2-125. Employees and officers.

12 (a) The House Management Committee with the approval of the Speaker of the
 13 House of Representatives may employ at its discretion House employees and may
 14 transfer or discharge any employee if it is deemed for the best interest of
 15 the House of Representatives.

16 (b)(1)~~(A)~~ The Senate Efficiency Committee at its discretion and subject to
 17 the approval of the Senate may employ, transfer, or discharge Senate
 18 employees if it is determined by the committee to be in the best interest of
 19 the Senate.

20 ~~(B)(2)~~ The actual salaries to be paid to employees of the Senate shall be
 21 determined by the Senate Efficiency Committee within the funds,
 22 appropriations, and maximum annual salaries as may be available.

23 ~~-(2) The Senate Fiscal Officer, the Senate Assistant Fiscal Officer, the~~
 24 ~~Secretary of the Senate, and the Senate Properties Officer shall report~~
 25 ~~directly to and be responsible directly to the Senate Efficiency Committee,~~
 26 ~~subject to the approval of the Senate.~~

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28 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY
 30 FORWARD. Any balance remaining on ~~June 30, 2004~~ June 30, 2006 in the
 31 appropriation provided by Section 2 of this Act ~~for Maintenance and General~~
 32 ~~Operations~~ shall be carried forward and made available for the fiscal year
 33 ending ~~June 30, 2005~~ June 30, 2007 for the same purposes.

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35 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

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8 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
9 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
10 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
11 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
12 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
13 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
14 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
15 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
16 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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27 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
28 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
29 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
30 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2005 is essential to the operation of
31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
32 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
33 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2005 could work irreparable harm upon the
34 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
35 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
36 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and

safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2005.

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