

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 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 609

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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, 2009; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE - STAFF  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2007-2009  
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 2007-2009 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.



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Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate	
			2007-2008	2008-2009
(1)	SEC OF SENATE/COOR OF LEG SERVICES	1	\$97,674	\$99,627
(2)	SEN. CHIEF COUNSEL	1	\$90,210	\$92,014
(3)	SEN. PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	\$73,789	\$75,265
(4)	SEN. CONSTITUENCY SVS. COORDINATOR	1	\$66,665	\$67,998
(5)	SEN. RESEARCH/SPECIAL PROJECTS MGR	1	\$60,690	\$61,904
(6)	SEN. CONSTITUENT ADVISOR	2	\$59,522	\$60,713
(7)	SEN. FISCAL OFFICER	1	\$53,958	\$55,037
(8)	SEN. PROPERTIES OFFICER	1	\$43,891	\$44,768
(9)	SEN. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	1	\$32,519	\$33,169
(10)	SEN. ADMIN. ASST./CONSTITUENT SERV.	1	\$27,709	\$28,264
(11)	SEN. LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	\$27,709	\$28,264
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	12		

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, 2009, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS	
	2007-2008	2008-2009
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 893,858	\$ 907,735
(02) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	268,157	272,320
(03) MAINTENANCE AND GENERAL OPERATIONS	<u>175,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 1,337,015</u>	<u>\$ 1,355,055</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 2009 Regular Session of the General Assembly, the sum of.....\$15,000.

1 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION AND CARRYOVER. There is hereby  
 2 appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional  
 3 Officers Fund or the State Central Services Fund, whichever is appropriate,  
 4 for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the balance of the  
 5 appropriations enacted by the Eighty-sixth General Assembly to defray the  
 6 expenses of the Arkansas Senate of the Eighty-sixth General Assembly, as  
 7 enacted by Section 1 of Act 1 of 2007; Section 3 of Act 3 of 2005; Sections  
 8 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Act 693 of 2005, in a sum in the aggregate not to exceed  
 9 .....\$4,800,000.  
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11 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - COMPUTERIZATION. There is hereby appropriated,  
 12 to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund,  
 13 for expenses necessary in continuing the computerization of the legislative  
 14 process in the Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.  
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16 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS. There is hereby  
 17 appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central  
 18 Services Fund, for construction, improvements, renovations and equipping of  
 19 the Arkansas Senate facilities and other purposes of the Arkansas Senate, the  
 20 sum of.....\$700,000.  
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22 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code 10-2-102 is amended to read as  
 23 follows:

24 10-2-102. Duties of Secretary of Senate, ~~Senate Chief of Staff,~~ Clerk of  
 25 House, and other officers.

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

30 (b) (1) The employees of the Senate shall perform such duties during the  
 31 regular session of the General Assembly and during the interim between the  
 32 convening of special sessions and the next regular session of the General  
 33 Assembly as may be provided by the rules of the Senate or by the Senate  
 34 Efficiency Committee, subject to the approval of the Senate.

35 ~~(2) The Senate Chief of Staff shall be appointed by the Senate Efficiency~~  
 36 ~~Committee subject to the approval of the Senate.~~

1       ~~(3) The Senate Chief of Staff shall hereafter perform all duties imposed~~  
2 ~~upon the Secretary of the Senate by law with respect to contingent expenses,~~  
3 ~~contracts, procurement, and the inventory report to the Secretary of State.~~  
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5       SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CARRY  
7 FORWARD. Any balance remaining on ~~June 30, 2006~~ June 30, 2008 in the  
8 appropriation provided by Section 2 of this Act shall be carried forward and  
9 made available for the fiscal year ending ~~June 30, 2007~~ June 30, 2009 for the  
10 same purposes.  
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12       SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
13 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
14 TRANSFERS. If the Senate Efficiency Committee and the Senate Fiscal Officer,  
15 subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate, should determine that any  
16 item or portion thereof appropriated herein for a specific purpose is not  
17 needed for such purpose, the Senate Fiscal Officer may certify such fact to  
18 the State Auditor and the State Auditor shall cause a transfer to be made  
19 from one item to another.  
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21       SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SALARIES.  
23 In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and  
24 retained, the Senate may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than  
25 twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-third (1/3) of the positions  
26 authorized in their biennial operation appropriation act, and may exceed the  
27 maximum salary levels for the purpose of merit adjustments for all positions.  
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29       SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized  
30 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds  
31 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
32 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
33 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
34 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
35 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
36 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be

1 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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12 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
13 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
14 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
15 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of  
16 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
17 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
18 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the  
19 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
20 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
21 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
22 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.