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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1167

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE OIL AND GAS COMMISSION
10 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE OIL AND GAS COMMISSION
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL
16 YEAR.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
23 for the Oil and Gas Commission for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following
24 maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2015-2016
30	(1) U045U	OIL & GAS DIRECTOR	1	\$113,383
31	(2) U056U	OIL & GAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	\$103,648
32	(3) B008N	SENIOR PETROLEUM ENGINEER	2	GRADE N905
33	(4) B014N	SENIOR PETROLEUM GEOLOGIST	3	GRADE N901
34	(5) G024C	DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE	1	GRADE C127
35	(6) D015C	STATE NETWORK ENGINEER	1	GRADE C126
36	(7) X013C	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER	1	GRADE C125



1	(8)	G076C	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE C124
2	(9)	D040C	GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE C123
3	(10)	B042C	ENGINEER	1	GRADE C121
4	(11)	D052C	SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C121
5	(12)	B050C	OIL & GAS DIST PETROLEUM SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C120
6	(13)	V007C	PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C119
7	(14)	X082C	OIL & GAS INSPECTOR	12	GRADE C118
8	(15)	D071C	COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE C117
9	(16)	X098C	OIL & GAS TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE C117
10	(17)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	3	GRADE C115
11	(18)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	3	GRADE C112
12	(19)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C112
13	(20)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	3	GRADE C109
14	(21)	C087C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	<u>2</u>	GRADE C106
15			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	44	

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17 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 18 the Oil and Gas Commission for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following
 19 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 20 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: ten (10)
 21 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 22 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 23 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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25 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 26 to the Oil and Gas Commission, to be payable from the Oil and Gas Commission
 27 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Oil and Gas
 28 Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$2,069,864
33	(02) EXTRA HELP	100,000
34	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	693,089
35	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	987,797

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	40,000
2	(C) PROF. FEES	52,000
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	150,000
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(05) POLLUTION CONTROL	350,000
6	(06) CONSTRUCTION	100,000
7	(07) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	100,000
8	(08) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	348,217
9	(09) INTERSTATE OIL COMPACT	35,000
10	(10) GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH	110,000
11	(11) UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL	100,000
12	(12) GROUNDWATER PROTECTION	<u>8,500</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,244,467</u></u>

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15 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - REFUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS. There is hereby
 16 appropriated, to the Oil and Gas Commission, to be payable from cash funds as
 17 defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Oil and Gas Commission, for refunds
 18 and reimbursements of the Oil and Gas Commission-Refunds and Reimbursements
 19 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
23	(01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u><u>\$500,000</u></u>

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25 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - WELL PLUGGING PROGRAM. There is hereby
 26 appropriated, to the Oil and Gas Commission, to be payable from the Abandoned
 27 and Orphaned Well Plugging Fund, for well plugging program expenses of the
 28 Oil and Gas Commission-Well Plugging Program for the fiscal year ending June
 29 30, 2016, the following:

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31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
33	(01) WELL PLUGGING PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u><u>\$2,500,000</u></u>

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35 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 36 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND

1 TRANSFER. The Oil and Gas Commission, after receiving review from the Chief
2 Fiscal Officer of the State and the Legislative Council, may request the
3 Chief Fiscal Officer to transfer up to \$2,000,000 per year on his or her
4 books and the books of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State from
5 the Oil and Gas Commission Fund to the Abandoned and Orphaned Well Plugging
6 Fund.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
8 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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10 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
11 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
12 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
13 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
14 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
15 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
16 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
17 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
18 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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29 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
30 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
31 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
34 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
35 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
36 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

1 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
2 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
3 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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