

1 State of Arkansas
2 92nd General Assembly
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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1047

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 COMMISSIONER OF STATE
10 LANDS AND FOR DISTRIBUTING PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OR
11 REDEMPTION OF TAX DELINQUENT LAND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
12 ENDING JUNE 30, 2021; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE
16 LANDS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2020-2021
17 FISCAL YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
24 for the Commissioner of State Lands for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the
25 following maximum number of regular employees.
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| Item | | Maximum | Maximum Annual |
|------|---------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| No. | Title | No. of | Salary Rate |
| | | Employees | Fiscal Year |
| | | | 2020-2021 |
| 31 | (1) CHIEF DEPUTY | 1 | \$125,986 |
| 32 | (2) IT DIRECTOR | 1 | \$116,351 |
| 33 | (3) GENERAL COUNSEL | 1 | \$112,900 |
| 34 | (4) STAFF ATTORNEY | 1 | \$90,670 |
| 35 | (5) NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR | 1 | \$83,745 |
| 36 | (6) REAL ESTATE DIRECTOR | 1 | \$81,257 |



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| 1 | (7) | PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR | 1 | \$81,257 |
| 2 | (8) | OPERATIONS DIRECTOR | 1 | \$81,257 |
| 3 | (9) | FISCAL DIRECTOR | 1 | \$81,257 |
| 4 | (10) | HUMAN RESOURCES SUPERVISOR | 1 | \$72,822 |
| 5 | (11) | GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS LIAISON | 1 | \$72,822 |
| 6 | (12) | FISCAL ASSOCIATE I | 1 | \$72,822 |
| 7 | (13) | ASSIST. DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE | 1 | \$72,822 |
| 8 | (14) | REDEMPTION COORDINATOR | 1 | \$65,265 |
| 9 | (15) | PUBLIC AFFAIRS LIAISON | 1 | \$65,265 |
| 10 | (16) | MINERAL LEASING & NATURAL RES COORD | 1 | \$65,265 |
| 11 | (17) | FISCAL ASSOCIATE II | 2 | \$65,265 |
| 12 | (18) | RESEARCH TECH | 5 | \$58,493 |
| 13 | (19) | RESEARCH COORDINATOR | 1 | \$58,493 |
| 14 | (20) | RECORDS SPECIALIST | 1 | \$58,493 |
| 15 | (21) | PARALEGAL | 1 | \$58,493 |
| 16 | (22) | MANAGEMENT SECRETARY | 2 | \$58,493 |
| 17 | (23) | LEGAL SECRETARY | 1 | \$58,493 |
| 18 | (24) | FISCAL SECRETARY | 1 | \$58,493 |
| 19 | (25) | EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT | 1 | \$58,493 |
| 20 | (26) | REDEMPTION TECH | 3 | \$52,425 |
| 21 | (27) | PUBLIC RELATIONS SECRETARY | 1 | \$52,425 |
| 22 | (28) | FISCAL ASSOCIATE III | 1 | \$52,425 |
| 23 | (29) | ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST | 1 | \$52,425 |
| 24 | (30) | REAL ESTATE SECRETARY | 1 | \$46,987 |
| 25 | (31) | ADMINISTRATION | 1 | \$46,987 |
| 26 | (32) | RECORDS RETENTION TECH | 1 | \$42,117 |
| 27 | (33) | CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSOCIATE | <u>5</u> | \$42,117 |
| 28 | | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 45 | |

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Commissioner of State Lands for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Commissioner of State Lands, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Commissioner of State Lands for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$2,893,928 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 40,000 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 897,223 |
| (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 66,000 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 10,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$3,907,151</u> |

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - DELINQUENT TAX. There is hereby appropriated, to the Commissioner of State Lands, to be payable from cash funds as defined by cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses and for distributing proceeds from the sale or redemption of tax delinquent land as prescribed by Chapter 37 of Title 26 of the Arkansas Code by the Commissioner of State Lands for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$1,209,056 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 1,750,000 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |

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| 1 | (02) REFUND/RECORDING FEE REIMBURSEMENTS | 375,000 |
| 2 | (03) DELIQUENT TAX REMITTAL/SALE REFUNDS | <u>33,000,000</u> |
| 3 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$36,334,056</u> |

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5 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CAPITAL OUTLAY/OPERATING EXPENSES. There is
 6 hereby appropriated, to the Commissioner of State Lands, to be payable from
 7 cash funds as defined by cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for
 8 operating expenses and capital outlay of the Commissioner of State Lands for
 9 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following:

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| 11 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|----|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 12 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2020-2021</u> |
| 13 | (01) CAPITAL OUTLAY/OPERATING EXP | <u>\$267,800</u> |

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15 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ADOPT A DOCUMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby
 16 appropriated, to the Commissioner of State Lands, to be payable from cash
 17 funds as defined by cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for
 18 personal services and operating expenses for the Adopt a Document Program
 19 administered by the Commissioner of State Lands for the fiscal year ending
 20 June 30, 2021, the following:

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| 22 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 23 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2020-2021</u> |
| 24 | (01) ADOPT A DOCUMENT PROGRAM EXPENSES | <u>\$250,000</u> |

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26 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - SUBMERGED LANDS. There is hereby
 27 appropriated, to the Commissioner of State Lands, to be payable from cash
 28 funds as defined by cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for
 29 personal services and operating expenses for projects involving submerged
 30 land by the Commissioner of State Lands for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 31 2021, the following:

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| 33 | ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| 34 | <u>NO.</u> | <u>2020-2021</u> |
| 35 | (01) SUBMERGED LANDS | <u>\$250,000</u> |

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

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

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20 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
21 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
22 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
23 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2020 is essential to the operation of
24 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
25 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
26 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2020 could work irreparable harm
27 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
28 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
29 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
30 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2020.

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