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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1050

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 ARKANSAS COURT OF
10 APPEALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 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 Arkansas Court of Appeals for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the
24 following maximum number of regular employees.
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26				Maximum Annual		
27				Salary Rate		
28	Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year		
29	No.	Code	No. of	2023-2024		
	<u>Title</u>			<u>Employees</u>		
30	(1)	Q017N	CA	CHIEF STAFF ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS15
31	(2)	Q033C	CA	LAW CLERK	24	GRADE GS14
32	(3)	Q013C	CA	STAFF ATTORNEY	3	GRADE GS14
33	(4)	Q034C	CA	CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE GS12
34	(5)	Q087C		EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO CA	1	GRADE GS11
35	(6)	Q112C	CA	JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	12	GRADE GS09
36	(7)	Q098C	CA	ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE GS08



1	(8) Q099C CA FINANCE OFFICER	1	GRADE GS08
2	(9) Q100C CA RECORDS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
3	(10) Q119C CA DEPUTY CLERK	3	GRADE GS07
4	(11) Q111C JUDICIAL ADMIN ASSISTANT TO CA	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS07
5	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	49	

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7 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 8 the Arkansas Court of Appeals for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following
 9 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 10 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2)
 11 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 12 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 13 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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15 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 16 to the Arkansas Court of Appeals, to be payable from the State Central
 17 Services Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, special judges,
 18 court appointed attorneys, and other legal expenses of the Arkansas Court of
 19 Appeals for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
23	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,940,692
24	(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
25	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,246,889
26	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
27	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	251,129
28	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	68,900
29	(C) PROF. FEES	0
30	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
31	(E) DATA PROC.	0
32	(05) LEGAL COUNSEL	320,000
33	(06) SPECIAL JUDGES	17,044
34	(07) MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	<u>60,000</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,979,654</u></u>

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1 SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 16,
2 Chapter 12, Subchapter 1, is amended to codify special language in
3 appropriation acts and to add an additional section to read as follows:

4 16-12-115. Mileage reimbursement.

5 (a) A judge of the Court of Appeals may be reimbursed for necessary
6 mileage.

7 (b) Reimbursement under subsection (a) of this section shall:

8 (1) Be paid out of funds appropriated in the operations
9 appropriation for the Court of Appeals;

10 (2) Be at the same mileage reimbursement rate as established in
11 state travel rules for state employees;

12 (3) Be limited to travel within the state between the judge's
13 official residence and the Court of Appeals, not exceeding three (3) round
14 trips per week; and

15 (4) Not be allowed for a judge whose official residence is
16 located in Pulaski County.

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18 SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
19 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
20 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
21 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
22 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
23 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
24 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
25 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
26 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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1 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 2 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 3 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 4 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of
 5 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 6 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 7 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm
 8 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
 9 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
 10 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
 11 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

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