

1 State of Arkansas
2 94th General Assembly
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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1036

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, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF STATE
16 LANDS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025
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 2024-2025 fiscal year, the
25 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item	No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
				Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
31	(1)	CHIEF DEPUTY	1	\$132,386
32	(2)	IT DIRECTOR	1	\$122,262
33	(3)	GENERAL COUNSEL	1	\$118,636
34	(4)	STAFF ATTORNEY	1	\$95,276
35	(5)	NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	1	\$87,999
36	(6)	REAL ESTATE DIRECTOR	1	\$85,385



1	(7)	PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR	1	\$85,385
2	(8)	OPERATIONS DIRECTOR	1	\$85,385
3	(9)	FISCAL DIRECTOR	1	\$85,385
4	(10)	HUMAN RESOURCES SUPERVISOR	1	\$76,521
5	(11)	GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS LIAISON	1	\$76,521
6	(12)	FISCAL ASSOCIATE I	1	\$76,521
7	(13)	ASSIST. DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE	1	\$76,521
8	(14)	REDEMPTION COORDINATOR	1	\$68,580
9	(15)	PUBLIC AFFAIRS LIAISON	1	\$68,580
10	(16)	MINERAL LEASING & NATURAL RES COORD	1	\$68,580
11	(17)	FISCAL ASSOCIATE II	2	\$68,580
12	(18)	RESEARCH TECH	5	\$61,464
13	(19)	RESEARCH COORDINATOR	1	\$61,464
14	(20)	RECORDS SPECIALIST	1	\$61,464
15	(21)	PARALEGAL	1	\$61,464
16	(22)	MANAGEMENT SECRETARY	2	\$61,464
17	(23)	LEGAL SECRETARY	1	\$61,464
18	(24)	FISCAL SECRETARY	1	\$61,464
19	(25)	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	\$61,464
20	(26)	REDEMPTION TECH	3	\$55,088
21	(27)	PUBLIC RELATIONS SECRETARY	1	\$55,088
22	(28)	FISCAL ASSOCIATE III	1	\$55,088
23	(29)	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	\$55,088
24	(30)	REAL ESTATE SECRETARY	1	\$49,467
25	(31)	ADMINISTRATION	1	\$49,467
26	(32)	RECORDS RETENTION TECH	1	\$44,257
27	(33)	CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSOCIATE	<u>5</u>	\$44,257
28		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	45	

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30 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 31 the Commissioner of State Lands for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following
 32 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 33 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5)
 34 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 35 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 36 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, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$3,041,119
(02) EXTRA HELP	40,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,043,155
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	25,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$4,149,274</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 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, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$1,500,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	2,000,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(02) REFUND/RECORDING FEE REIMBURSEMENTS	1,300,000

1	(03) DELINQUENT TAX REMITTAL/SALE REFUNDS	<u>27,500,000</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$32,300,000</u></u>

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4 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CAPITAL OUTLAY/OPERATING EXPENSES. There is
 5 hereby appropriated, to the Commissioner of State Lands, to be payable from
 6 cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses and
 7 capital outlay of the Commissioner of State Lands for the fiscal year ending
 8 June 30, 2025, the following:

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10	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
12	(01) CAPITAL OUTLAY/OPERATING EXP	<u><u>\$267,800</u></u>

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14 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - SUBMERGED LANDS. There is hereby
 15 appropriated, to the Commissioner of State Lands, to be payable from cash
 16 funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for personal services and
 17 operating expenses for projects involving submerged land by the Commissioner
 18 of State Lands for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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20	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
21	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
22	(01) SUBMERGED LANDS	<u><u>\$250,000</u></u>

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24 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 25 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 26 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 27 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 28 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 29 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 30 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 31 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 32 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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34 SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 35 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 36 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

1 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 2 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 3 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 4 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 5 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 7 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 8 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 9 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 10 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 is essential to the operation of
 11 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 12 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
 13 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2024 could work irreparable harm
 14 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
 15 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
 16 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
 17 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2024.