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1 State of Arkansas
2 94th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2024
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As Engrossed: H4/25/24

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		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2024-2025
31	(1) CHIEF DEPUTY	1	\$142,769
32	(2) GENERAL COUNSEL	1	\$127,941
33	(3) IT ADMINISTRATOR	1	\$125,859
34	(4) REAL ESTATE ADMINISTRATOR	1	\$125,859
35	(5) NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	1	\$94,901
36	(6) SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR	1	\$94,901



1	(7)	REAL ESTATE DIRECTOR	1	\$92,081
2	(8)	PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR	1	\$92,081
3	(9)	OPERATIONS DIRECTOR	1	\$92,081
4	(10)	FISCAL DIRECTOR	1	\$92,081
5	(11)	HUMAN RESOURCES SUPERVISOR	1	\$82,523
6	(12)	GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS LIAISON	1	\$82,523
7	(13)	FISCAL ASSOCIATE I	1	\$82,523
8	(14)	ASSIST. DIRECTOR OF REAL ESTATE	1	\$82,523
9	(15)	ASSIST. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS	1	\$82,523
10	(16)	REDEMPTION COORDINATOR	1	\$73,959
11	(17)	FISCAL ASSOCIATE II	2	\$73,959
12	(18)	PUBLIC AFFAIRS LIAISON	1	\$73,959
13	(19)	MINERAL LEASING & NATURAL RES COORD	1	\$73,959
14	(20)	RESEARCH TECH	5	\$66,285
15	(21)	PARALEGAL	1	\$66,285
16	(22)	RESEARCH COORDINATOR	1	\$66,285
17	(23)	RECORDS SPECIALIST	1	\$66,285
18	(24)	MANAGEMENT SECRETARY	2	\$66,285
19	(25)	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	1	\$66,285
20	(26)	FISCAL SECRETARY	1	\$66,285
21	(27)	REDEMPTION TECH	3	\$59,409
22	(28)	PUBLIC RELATIONS SECRETARY	1	\$59,409
23	(29)	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	1	\$59,409
24	(30)	REAL ESTATE SECRETARY	1	\$53,347
25	(31)	ADMINISTRATION	1	\$53,347
26	(32)	RECORDS RETENTION TECH	1	\$47,728
27	(33)	CUSTOMER SERVICE ASSOCIATE	<u>1</u>	\$47,728
28		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	41	

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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.

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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	\$3,011,056
(02) EXTRA HELP	40,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,032,843
(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>\$4,108,899</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.

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19 /s/Joint Budget Committee
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