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1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Fiscal Session, 2024  
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As Engrossed: S4/25/24

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 29

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 AUDITOR OF STATE -  
10 OPERATIONS AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM FOR THE  
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE -  
16 OPERATIONS AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL  
18 YEAR.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
25 for the Auditor of State for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum  
26 number of regular employees.  
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Item		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2024-2025
32	(1) DEPUTY AUDITOR	1	\$165,160
33	(2) ATTORNEY	1	\$138,585
34	(3) CHIEF OF STAFF	1	\$126,675
35	(4) INTERNAL AUDITOR/CPA	1	\$126,675
36	(5) IT TECH	1	\$126,675



1	(6)	ASST CHIEF OF STAFF/ACCOUNTING DEPT MANAGER	1	\$91,175
2	(7)	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	1	\$81,710
3	(8)	COMMUNICATIONS TECH	1	\$81,710
4	(9)	ACCOUNTING TECH III	3	\$81,710
5	(10)	DATA PROCESSING TECH II	1	\$81,710
6	(11)	DATA PROCESSING TECH I	1	\$65,630
7	(12)	ACCOUNTING TECH II	2	\$65,630
8	(13)	ADMINISTRATIVE TECH I	1	\$65,630
9	(14)	OUTREACH MGR	1	\$65,630
10	(15)	OUTREACH TECH	1	\$65,630
11	(16)	ACCOUNTING TECH I	2	\$47,255
12		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	20	

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14 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for  
 15 the Auditor of State for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum  
 16 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",  
 17 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary  
 18 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those  
 19 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its  
 20 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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22 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 23 to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund,  
 24 for personal services and operating expenses of the Auditor of State -  
 25 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	NO.	2024-2025
29	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,567,500
30	(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
31	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	626,000
32	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	615,450
34	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
35	(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
36	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000

1	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,918,950</u></u>

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 4 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM. There is  
 5 hereby established for the Auditor of State - Unclaimed Property Program for  
 6 the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

8		Maximum Annual	
9		Salary Rate	
10	Item	Maximum	Fiscal Year
11	No.	No. of	2024-2025
	Title	Employees	
12	(1) ASST. CHIEF OF STAFF/UCP OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	\$126,675
13	(2) UCP COMPLIANCE LEAD	1	\$91,175
14	(3) UCP CLAIMS LEAD	1	\$91,175
15	(4) SENIOR UCP TECH	2	\$73,230
16	(5) UCP TECH	<u>5</u>	\$65,630
17	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	10	

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 19 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM. There is hereby  
 20 appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the State Central  
 21 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Auditor of  
 22 State - Unclaimed Property Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025,  
 23 the following:

25	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
26	NO.	2024-2025
27	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$754,000
28	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	\$302,000
29	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	713,000
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
32	(C) PROF. FEES	1,120,000
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
34	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,944,000</u></u>

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SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CLAIMS - CASH.  
 There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from  
 cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses and  
 the payment of claims of the Auditor of State - Unclaimed Property Program  
 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) OPERATING EXPENSES	\$2,500
(02) PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CLAIMS	<u>35,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$35,002,500</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED MINERAL PROCEEDS -  
 CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable  
 from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801, for operating expenses  
 and the payment of claims for abandoned mineral proceeds of the Auditor of  
 State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
(01) OPERATING EXPENSES	\$500
(02) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS FOR ABANDONED MINERAL PROCEEDS	<u>2,500,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,500,500</u></u>

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
 TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of  
 the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint  
 Budget Committee, the Auditor of State is authorized to transfer  
 appropriation from any line item authorized in Operations to any other line  
 item authorized in Operations and the Agency is authorized to transfer  
 appropriation from any line item authorized in Unclaimed Property Program to  
 any other line item authorized in Unclaimed Property Program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2023~~  
2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

1 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
3 POSITION REQUIREMENTS. The Internal Auditor shall hold and maintain an  
4 active certification as a Certified Internal Auditor, with the Institute of  
5 Internal Auditors, or a Certified Public Accountant license in good standing  
6 in the state of Arkansas.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
8 ~~2023~~ 2024 through June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025.

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10 SECTION 10. 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 11. 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 12. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
30 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
31 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2024 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, 2024 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, 2024.

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