

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: S4/7/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 54

By: Joint Budget Committee

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPUTY PROSECUTING  
ATTORNEYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE - DEPUTY  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS APPROPRIATION FOR  
THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

*SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS. There is hereby established for Auditor of State - Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.*

|             |                                        | <i>Maximum Annual</i> |                    |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
|             |                                        | <i>Maximum</i>        | <i>Salary Rate</i> |
| <i>Item</i> |                                        | <i>No. of</i>         | <i>Fiscal Year</i> |
| <i>No.</i>  | <i>Title</i>                           | <i>Employees</i>      | <i>2025-2026</i>   |
| (1)         | SENIOR DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY II  | 9                     | GRADE SPC10        |
| (2)         | SENIOR DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY I   | 23                    | GRADE SPC09        |
| (3)         | DEP PROS ATTY - ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR    | 30                    | GRADE SPC08        |
| (4)         | DEP PROS ATTY - ATTORNEY SPECIALIST    | 39                    | GRADE SPC07        |
| (5)         | DEP PROS ATTY - ATTORNEY               | 102                   | GRADE SPC05        |
| (6)         | DEP PROS ATTY - ATTORNEY PART-TIME III | 16                    | GRADE SPC05        |



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| 1 | (7) | DEP PROS ATTY - ATTORNEY PART-TIME II | 8         | GRADE SPC04 |
| 2 | (8) | DEP PROS ATTY - ATTORNEY PART-TIME I  | <u>53</u> | GRADE SPC03 |
| 3 |     | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES                 | 280       |             |

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5 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS. There is  
 6 hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the State  
 7 Central Services Fund, for personal services and Special Deputy Expense  
 8 Allowance of the Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys for the fiscal year ending June  
 9 30, 2026, the following:

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| 11 | ITEM                                  | FISCAL YEAR         |
| 12 | <u>NO.</u>                            | <u>2025-2026</u>    |
| 13 | (01) REGULAR SALARIES                 | \$23,693,247        |
| 14 | (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING       | 8,203,736           |
| 15 | (03) SPECIAL DEPUTY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE | 4,800               |
| 16 | (04) LICENSURE EXPENSES               | <u>40,600</u>       |
| 17 | TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED             | <u>\$31,942,383</u> |

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19 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
 20 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
 21 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
 22 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
 23 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
 24 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
 25 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
 26 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
 27 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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29 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
 30 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
 31 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
 32 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
 33 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
 34 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
 35 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
 36 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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2       SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
3 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
4 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
5 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
6 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
7 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
8 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
9 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
10 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
11 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
12 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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