

CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE

Act --- (SB 11) provides that when any state agency, board, commission or institution of higher education admits liability to a claim filed with the Claims Commission and (1) the claim involves a contract with a state agency, board, commission or institution of higher education, or (2) the claim exceeds \$5,000, the state agency, board, commission or institution of higher education must file a written report thereof to the Litigation Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Act 1 (HB 1005) authorizes the Governor to call a special election to (1) call a Constitutional Convention and elect a group of twenty-six (26) delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and (2) elect one delegate from each of the thirty-five Senate districts. The act establishes procedures for the Convention and for submitting a new Constitution to the people.

COURT OF APPEALS

Act 11 (HB 1010) provides for the appointment of the six (6) additional judges added to the Court of Appeals by Act 1085 of 1993. Three (3) judges shall be appointed on or after January 1, 1996, and three (3) shall be appointed on or after January 1, 1997, all from the state at large to serve until December 31, 1998. These six (6) judges shall be elected from districts at the November, 1998 general election to be established by the 81st General Assembly, assisted by a recommendation from the Court of Appeals Apportionment Commission.

Act 15 (SB 10) is identical to HB 1010 except for the following provision which states: "All of those appointees shall be eligible to seek election as a member of the court in the 1998 general election."

COURT COSTS AND FILING FEES

Act 13 (SB 6) is cleanup legislation to Act 1256 of 1995, the Omnibus Uniform Filing Fees and Court Costs Act, which standardized filing fees and court costs statewide.

ELECTIONS

POLLING PLACES

Act 7 (SB 4) authorizes the county board of election commissioners to combine polling locations for two or more precincts. It also requires the board to submit a map and a written description of changes in election precincts to the Secretary of State within thirty days of the change.

ELECTIONS (Cont.)

TEXARKANA

Act 8 (SB 7), Act 12 (HB 1013) this is remedial legislation requiring the city of Texarkana to hold an election to elect a mayor and members of the board of directors at a special election. Prior to the 1994 general election, the voters of the city approved a reorganization plan for its city government but the city failed to begin implementation of the plan at the 1994 election.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Act 10 (HB 1003) abolishes the original ten (10) joint interim committees and establishes in their stead ten (10) interim House committees and ten (10) interim Senate committees and authorizes the House and Senate interim committees to meet jointly or separately.

SECURITIES

Act 14 (HB 1009) requires broker-dealers to designate at least one individual, who is a registered agent and has direct supervision over the purchase and sale of securities in Arkansas, as a principal. It provides that if the broker-dealer has an office located in Arkansas at least one principal shall be a resident of the state. It also provides that a broker dealer may designate more than one resident principal. The act removes the requirement that the principal also be an officer or partner of the broker-dealer.

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

Act (SB 11)

Approved Claims

- Provides appropriations for the payment of claims against the State of Arkansas, which total \$502,176.68.
- Provides guidelines for payment of interest on two claims which involve the payment of court ordered attorneys' fees and expenses incurred for the legal representation of indigent defendants.

ARKANSAS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Act 2 (HB 1006)

- Provides one staff position, Secretary/Executive Officer, for the Constitutional Convention with a maximum rate of pay of \$865 per week or \$45,000 annually.
- Provides a total appropriation of \$1.1 million for the Constitutional Convention for the payment of salaries, matching, operational expenses, transcription expenses, and printing/publishing expenses.
- Establishes the Secretary of the Arkansas Constitutional Convention for the 21st Century as the disbursing officer for all payments of the Convention.
- Allows savings in any line item to be transferred to any other line item, upon request by the Secretary of the Convention and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

ACT 9 (SB 12)

- Creates the Correction Facilities Privatization Account within the Correction Facilities Construction Fund to consist of cash funds designated as (1) all monies from the sale or disposition of Department of Correction farm products and livestock, excluding those monies that may be accountable from, or the value of, products consumed within the department, and rental of farm properties; (2) receipts for telephone calls from coinless telephones located on Department of Correction grounds; (3) interest income and (4) other such cash funds of the Department of Correction as deemed necessary by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State. These cash funds are restricted in their use and dedicated solely for the acquisition, construction and rehabilitation of correction facilities or for payments to private contractors for the use of correction facilities by the Department of Correction.
- Authorizes General Improvement Fund monies released by the Governor for Department of Correction and Community Punishment Institutional facilities to be transferred to the Department of Correction Farm Fund for personal services and operating expenses of the farm.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION- DISBURSING OFFICER

Act 13 (SB 6) (Also See General Legislation Summary)

- Amends Act 1227 of 1995 to provide an allocation and appropriation for FY 1996-97 for the Arkansas Counties Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Crime Prevention Fund in the amount of \$370,338.

SEBASTIAN COUNTY CIVIC CENTER

Act 6 (HB 1008)

- Authorizes the release of matching funds for construction of the Sebastian County Civic Center effective January 1, 1996, provided that a cooperative agreement has been entered into by a local government entity and an institution of higher education in Sebastian County.
- Provides that one-half of the monies appropriated shall be in addition to projects enumerated in Section 3(A) of Act 1316 of 1995 (Category A of the General Improvement Fund), with the remaining monies appropriated being in addition to those projects enumerated in Category B of the General Improvement Fund.

ARKANSAS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

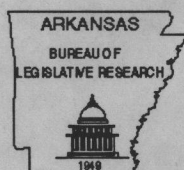
Act 5 (HB 1007)

- Authorizes issuance of State Water Resources Development General Obligation Bonds not to exceed an aggregate of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) in principal amount during the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 1997, instead of \$15,000,000 per fiscal year.

**SUMMARY
OF ACTIONS
BY THE
FIRST EXTRAORDINARY
SESSION**

**OF THE
80TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS
1995**

**October 17, 1995 through
October 20, 1995**



October, 1995