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A Bill

SENATE BILL 208

By: Senate Efficiency

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL
YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby
established for the Arkansas Senate for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the
following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Title	Maximum	Maximum Annual
		No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2015-2016
(1)	DIRECTOR OF THE SENATE/SEC OF SENATE	1	GRADE N918
(2)	CHIEF COUNSEL	1	GRADE N915
(3)	DEPUTY DIRECTOR/ASST SEC OF SENATE	1	GRADE N911
(4)	PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE N908
(5)	FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE C128
(6)	CONSTITUENT SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE C128
(7)	ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE C125



(8)	ASSISTANT INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE C125
(9)	CONSTITUENT ADVISOR	2	GRADE C125
(10)	LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST	1	GRADE C124
(11)	ADMIN ASST/RECEPTIONIST	3	GRADE C123
(12)	PROPERTIES OFFICER	<u>1</u>	GRADE C119
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	15	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Senate for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Senate - Staff Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,963,896
(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	549,891
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	<u>175,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,713,787</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ORIENTATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for expenses of the State Orientation including the payment of per diem and mileage of members of the Arkansas Senate who attend the Senate Orientation program held prior to the convening of a Legislative Session of the General Assembly, the sum of.....\$15,000.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for the balance remaining on June 30, 2015 in the appropriations enacted to defray the necessary expenses of the Arkansas Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly, Section 3 of Act 1 of 2014, Sections 4 and 5 of Act 3 of 2014, and Act 2 of 2015 there to be used for the same purpose for the Arkansas Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly, in a sum in the aggregate not to exceed.....\$2,400,000.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for the balance remaining on June 30, 2015 in the appropriations enacted to defray the necessary expenses of the Arkansas Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly, Sections 3, 6, 7 and 8 of Act 3 of 2014, there to be used for the same purposes for the Arkansas Senate of the Ninetieth General Assembly, in a sum in the aggregate not to exceed.....\$2,400,000.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COMPUTERIZATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for expenses necessary in continuing the computerization of the legislative process in the Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for construction, improvements, renovations and equipping of the Arkansas Senate facilities and other purposes of the Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFERS. If the Senate Efficiency Committee and the Secretary of the Senate, subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate, should determine that any item or portion thereof appropriated herein for a specific purpose is not needed for such purpose, the Secretary of the Senate may certify such fact to the State Auditor and the State Auditor shall cause a transfer to be made

from one item to another.

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SALARIES. In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and retained, the Senate may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-third (1/3) of the positions authorized in their operation appropriation act, and may exceed the maximum salary levels for the purpose of merit adjustments for all positions.

SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm

upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

APPROVED: 02/13/2015