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As Engrossed: S2/22/18
A Bill

SENATE BILL 34

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE
DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE
DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2018-
2019 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Agriculture Department for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

| Item No. | Class Code | Title | Maximum No. of Employees | Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2018-2019 |
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| (1) | U072U | SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE | 1 | GRADE SE02 |
| (2) | U057U | DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE | 1 | GRADE SE01 |
| (3) | U003U | STATE FORESTER | 1 | GRADE SE01 |
| (4) | U044U | PLANT BOARD DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE SE01 |
| (5) | B004N | STATE VETERINARIAN | 1 | GRADE MP05 |
| (6) | L104C | AGRI LABORATORY COORDINATOR | 1 | GRADE MP04 |
| (7) | L106C | VETERINARY SPECIALIST | 5 | GRADE MP04 |



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| (8) | D061C INFORMATION SYS COORDINATION SPEC | 2 | GRADE IT05 |
| (9) | D057C INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER | 1 | GRADE IT05 |
| (10) | D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST | 1 | GRADE IT05 |
| (11) | D056C SYSTEMS COORDINATION ANALYST | 1 | GRADE IT05 |
| (12) | D078C GIS TECHNICIAN | 1 | GRADE IT02 |
| (13) | A010N AGRICULTURE CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER | 1 | GRADE GS13 |
| (14) | N001C DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | 1 | GRADE GS13 |
| (15) | N058N DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ARLPC | 1 | GRADE GS13 |
| (16) | B001C DEPUTY STATE FORESTER | 1 | GRADE GS13 |
| (17) | G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY | 1 | GRADE GS13 |
| (18) | B002C AGRI DIRECTOR OF MARKETING | 1 | GRADE GS12 |
| (19) | R006C HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR | 1 | GRADE GS12 |
| (20) | G036N PLANT BOARD ASSISTANT DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE GS12 |
| (21) | B010C AGRI DIVISION MANAGER | 6 | GRADE GS11 |
| (22) | B014C ASST STATE FORESTER | 2 | GRADE GS11 |
| (23) | B022C DISTRICT FORESTER | 8 | GRADE GS10 |
| (24) | B128C METROLOGY LABORATORY MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS10 |
| (25) | A050C AGENCY FISCAL MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS09 |
| (26) | B136C AGRI LAB QUALITY MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS09 |
| (27) | S005C AVIATION MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS09 |
| (28) | B037C CHEMIST SUPERVISOR | 3 | GRADE GS09 |
| (29) | G109C GRANTS MANAGER | 2 | GRADE GS09 |
| (30) | B034C MICROBIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR | 5 | GRADE GS09 |
| (31) | P004C PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS09 |
| (32) | B038C STATE FOREST MANAGER | 1 | GRADE GS09 |
| (33) | A082C ACCOUNTANT II | 1 | GRADE GS08 |
| (34) | B049C AGRI PROGRAM MANAGER | 23 | GRADE GS08 |
| (35) | X148C AIRCRAFT PILOT | 4 | GRADE GS08 |
| (36) | B127C SENIOR MICROBIOLOGIST | 1 | GRADE GS08 |
| (37) | B058C STAFF FORESTER | 6 | GRADE GS08 |
| (38) | C015C AGRI ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR | 2 | GRADE GS07 |
| (39) | X058C AGRI COMMODITY AREA SUPERVISOR | 2 | GRADE GS07 |
| (40) | X111C AGRI INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR | 5 | GRADE GS07 |
| (41) | X109C AGRI INVESTIGATOR | 2 | GRADE GS07 |
| (42) | B072C AGRI PROGRAM COORDINATOR | 7 | GRADE GS07 |
| (43) | R024C ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER | 2 | GRADE GS07 |

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| (44) | B081C CHEMIST | 15 | GRADE GS07 |
| (45) | C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| (46) | B080C FORESTER | 36 | GRADE GS07 |
| (47) | B077C MICROBIOLOGIST | 10 | GRADE GS07 |
| (48) | A073C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDITOR SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE GS07 |
| (49) | C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST | 5 | GRADE GS06 |
| (50) | X146C AGRI INSPECTOR III | 8 | GRADE GS06 |
| (51) | D076C COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE GS06 |
| (52) | B088C COUNTY FOREST RANGER | 61 | GRADE GS06 |
| (53) | A074C FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR | 1 | GRADE GS06 |
| (54) | B078C METROLOGIST | 2 | GRADE GS06 |
| (55) | B097C NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM SPECIALIST | 3 | GRADE GS06 |
| (56) | A084C PROGRAM/FIELD AUDIT SPECIALIST | 2 | GRADE GS06 |
| (57) | P027C PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE GS06 |
| (58) | E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR | 1 | GRADE GS06 |
| (59) | X132C AGRI COMMODITY COMPLIANCE INSPECTOR | 7 | GRADE GS05 |
| (60) | X157C AGRI INSPECTOR II | 3 | GRADE GS05 |
| (61) | X097C AGRI SPECIALIST | 34 | GRADE GS05 |
| (62) | S036C AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC SUPERVISOR | 2 | GRADE GS05 |
| (63) | V014C BUYER | 5 | GRADE GS05 |
| (64) | A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST | 3 | GRADE GS05 |
| (65) | B098C FOREST RANGER II | 114 | GRADE GS05 |
| (66) | R032C HUMAN RESOURCES PROGRAM REP | 1 | GRADE GS05 |
| (67) | C054C LOCAL OFFICE ADMIN SPECIALIST | 10 | GRADE GS05 |
| (68) | D081C TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST | 8 | GRADE GS05 |
| (69) | C057C ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT SPECIALIST | 1 | GRADE GS04 |
| (70) | C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III | 10 | GRADE GS04 |
| (71) | X149C AGRI COMMODITY COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST | 11 | GRADE GS04 |
| (72) | X165C AGRI INSPECTOR I | 51 | GRADE GS04 |
| (73) | B096C AGRI SEED ANALYST | 6 | GRADE GS04 |
| (74) | S053C AUTO/DIESEL MECHANIC | 4 | GRADE GS04 |
| (75) | S040C CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN | 2 | GRADE GS04 |
| (76) | A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST | 2 | GRADE GS04 |
| (77) | B111C LABORATORY TECHNICIAN | 1 | GRADE GS04 |
| (78) | B101C NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM TECHNICIAN | 3 | GRADE GS04 |
| (79) | C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II | 16 | GRADE GS03 |

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| (80) X162C AGRI COMMODITY GRADER II | <u>14</u> | GRADE GS03 |
| MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 568 | |

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Agriculture Department for the 2018-2019 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: one hundred seventy-one (171) 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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Department of Agriculture Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2018-2019</u> |
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$10,200,955 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 74,131 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 3,678,521 |
| (04) OVERTIME | 16,571 |
| (05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE | 5,200 |
| (06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 2,858,438 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 61,113 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 328,500 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (07) PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES | 6,148 |
| (08) BOLL WEEVIL PROGRAM | <u>20,000</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$17,249,577</u> |

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - OPERATIONS. There

is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Fund Account, for operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$77,131 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$77,131</u></u> |

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL AND ERADICATION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Animal Disease Control and Eradication Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$586,535 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 55,000 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 232,932 |
| (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 255,592 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 20,000 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$1,150,059</u></u> |

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - EGG GRADING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Egg Grading Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$1,360,749 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 67,500 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 579,956 |
| (04) OVERTIME | 300,000 |
| (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 230,902 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 18,350 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 50,000 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS | 887,968 |
| (07) EGG PROMOTION EXPENSE | <u>64,500</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$3,559,925</u></u> |

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY TESTING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Special Revenue Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Diagnostic Laboratory Testing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$120,889 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 14,500 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 42,142 |
| (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |

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| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 1,708,077 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 25,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 310,000 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$2,220,608</u></u> |

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - BRAND REGISTRY.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Special Revenue Fund, for maintenance of the Brand Registry Book by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Brand Registry for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2018-2019</u> |
| (01) BRAND REGISTRY | <u><u>\$6,000</u></u> |

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - INDEMNITIES - REVOLVING. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, for payment of authorized indemnities by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Indemnities - Revolving for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
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| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2018-2019</u> |
| (01) INDEMNITIES | <u><u>\$45,000</u></u> |

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - POULTRY INDEMNITIES - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Arkansas Agriculture Department, for payment of poultry indemnities by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Poultry Indemnities - Cash for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
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| (01) POULTRY INDEMNITIES | <u>\$10,000</u> |

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - SWINE TESTING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Commission Swine Testing Fund, for the purpose of funding the Pseudorabies Control and Eradication Program of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Swine Testing Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
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| (01) SWINE TESTING PROGRAM | <u>\$1,500</u> |

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - SHOW PREMIUMS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for show premiums, refunds, and reimbursements of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Show Premiums for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
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| (01) ARSHS RODEO ASSOCIATION | \$20,000 |
| (02) COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS | 360,000 |
| (03) DISTRICT JR LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS | 28,430 |
| (04) DISTRICT LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS | 144,000 |
| (05) FOUR STATES LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS | 24,000 |
| (06) STATE LIVESTOCK SHOW PREMIUMS | 120,000 |
| (07) REFUNDS/REIMBURSE 4H CLUBS | 20,000 |
| (08) REFUNDS/REIMBURSE FFA CLUBS | 20,000 |
| (09) REFUNDS/REIMBURSE MISS AR RODEO | <u>350</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$736,780</u> |

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Livestock and Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Equine Infectious Anemia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$79,380 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 22,113 |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 200,000 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 100,000 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (04) EDUCATIONAL GRANTS | <u>30,000</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$431,493</u></u> |

SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY - ANIMAL HEALTH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission - Animal Health for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$236,267 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 8,311 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 82,139 |
| (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 118,111 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 5,350 |

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| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$450,178</u></u> |

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS AND AID. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and assistance to eligible agricultural producers by the Arkansas Agriculture Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
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| (01) AQUACULTURE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS | <u><u>\$2,225</u></u> |

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - ADMINISTRATION/PEST CONTROL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board - Administration/Pest Control for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$3,324,476 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 250,000 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 1,175,403 |
| (04) OVERTIME | 50,000 |
| (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 1,331,613 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 83,613 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 244,510 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 435,000 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (06) PEST ERADICATION | <u><u>1,000,000</u></u> |

TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED \$7,894,615

SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PUBLIC GRAIN WAREHOUSE INSPECTION PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board - Public Grain Warehouse Inspection Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$149,772 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 54,264 |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 67,935 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 4,613 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 1,200 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u>\$277,784</u> |

SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE SURVEILLANCE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board - Pesticide Surveillance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$152,916 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 54,979 |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 52,066 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 6,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |

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| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$265,961</u></u> |

SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - APIARY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board - Apiary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$107,845 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 10,000 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 39,676 |
| (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 51,085 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$208,606</u></u> |

SECTION 20. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PRODUCT MARKETING PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board - Product Marketing Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$147,000 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 6,000 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 150,000 |

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| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (02) PRODUCT MARKETING GRANTS & AID | 200,000 |
| (03) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS | <u>97,059</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$600,059</u></u> |

SECTION 21. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - REFUNDS/TRANSFERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Arkansas Agriculture Department, for operating expenses, refunds and transfers to the State Treasury by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board - Refunds/Transfers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$500 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (02) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS | <u>6,765,100</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$6,765,600</u></u> |

SECTION 22. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - PESTICIDE/PLANT REGULATORY PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Abandoned Agricultural Pesticide and Plant Regulator Disposal Trust Fund, for operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board - Pesticide/Plant Regulatory Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$1,500,000 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |

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| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$1,500,000</u></u> |

SECTION 23. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - U OF A AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for grants for internships and scholarships from civil penalties collected by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM <u>NO.</u> | FISCAL YEAR <u>2018-2019</u> |
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| (01) GRANT TO THE UNIV OF ARK-DIV. OF AGRICULTURE FOR INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS | <u><u>\$5,000</u></u> |

SECTION 24. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - ASU AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for grants for internships and scholarships from civil penalties collected by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM <u>NO.</u> | FISCAL YEAR <u>2018-2019</u> |
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| (01) GRANT TO THE ARK ST UNIV COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE FOR INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS | <u><u>\$5,000</u></u> |

SECTION 25. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - AR TECH AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for grants for internships and scholarships from civil penalties collected by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June

30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
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| (01) GRANT TO THE ARK TECH UNIV AGRICULTURE DEPT FOR INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS | <u>\$5,000</u> |

SECTION 26. APPROPRIATION - PLANT BOARD - SAU AGRICULTURE SCHOLARSHIPS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Plant Board Fund, for grants for internships and scholarships from civil penalties collected by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Plant Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|--|--------------------------|
| (01) GRANT TO THE SAU AGRICULTURE DEPT FOR INTERNSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS | <u>\$5,000</u> |

SECTION 27. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the State Forestry Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$5,044,469 |
| (02) EXTRA HELP | 255,855 |
| (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 1,883,633 |
| (04) OVERTIME | 52,400 |
| (05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE | 55,000 |
| (06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 2,292,020 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 100,000 |

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| (C) PROF. FEES | 325,000 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 743,000 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (07) FORESTRY GRANTS AND AID - FIREBOAT SCHOOL | 15,000 |
| (08) FEDERAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM | <u>138,512</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$10,904,889</u></u> |

SECTION 28. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services, operating expenses and federal matching grants to purchase firefighting equipment by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$67,510 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 25,453 |
| (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | 366,566 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 30,000 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (04) RURAL COMMUNITY MATCH GRANTS | <u>364,710</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$854,239</u></u> |

SECTION 29. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - URBAN FORESTRY SERVICES - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the State Forestry Fund, for personal services, operating expenses and urban forestry matching grants of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Urban Forestry Services - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|------|-------------|
|------|-------------|

| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2018-2019</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$67,500 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 50,000 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (02) URBAN FORESTRY MATCHING GRANTS | <u>82,000</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$199,500</u></u> |

SECTION 30. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the Rural Fire Protection Revolving Fund, for loans to communities for fire protection by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Rural Fire Protection Service Loans for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2018-2019</u> |
| (01) RURAL FIRE PROTECTION LOANS | <u><u>\$1,200,000</u></u> |

SECTION 31. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - STATE FORESTRY TRUST PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the State Forestry Trust Fund, for management and operating expenses, fire control, communications, contracting for assistance, and other services of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - State Forestry Trust Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>NO.</u> | <u>2018-2019</u> |
| (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$200,000 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 100,000 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 1,000,000 |

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (02) FIRE CONTROL/COMMUNICATE | 900,000 |
| (03) MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS | <u>300,000</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$2,500,000</u></u> |

SECTION 32. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE PREVENTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grants by the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Southern Pine Beetle Prevention for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|--|--------------------------|
| (01) SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE GRANTS AND AID | <u>150,000</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$150,000</u></u> |

SECTION 33. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - FOREST LEGACY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Forest Legacy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$6,599 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$6,599</u></u> |

SECTION 34. APPROPRIATION - FORESTRY - SILVICULTURAL NON-POINT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be

payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department - State Forestry Commission - Silvicultural Non-Point Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$3,200 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | <u>0</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$3,200</u></u> |

SECTION 35. APPROPRIATION - AGRICULTURE CASH OPERATING FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses of the Arkansas Agriculture Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION | |
| (A) OPER. EXPENSE | \$50,000 |
| (B) CONF. & TRAVEL | 0 |
| (C) PROF. FEES | 0 |
| (D) CAP. OUTLAY | 0 |
| (E) DATA PROC. | 0 |
| (02) PROMOTIONAL ITEMS | <u>10,000</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$60,000</u></u> |

SECTION 36. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT. Funds appropriated in Item (07), (08) and (09) of the

Livestock and Poultry - Show Premiums appropriation section shall be used to pay expenses necessary for members of high school 4H clubs, high school FFA clubs and Miss Arkansas Rodeo for expenses incurred while representing the State of Arkansas at national conferences and events outside the State. The State 4H Association and the State FFA Association shall receive funds appropriated for expense reimbursement of student members but shall be limited to \$20,000 each, or so much thereof that is available. Reimbursement of expenses for Miss Arkansas Rodeo shall be limited to \$350 per year.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND TRANSFER. The Deputy Director of the Livestock and Poultry Commission, with prior approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee, the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and for the reimbursing of documented expenditures designated by law to be made from the transferred special revenue, may transfer funds among the Livestock and Poultry Equine Infectious Anemia Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry Commission Disease and Pest Control Fund, Livestock and Poultry Special Revenue Fund, Livestock and Poultry Commission Swine Testing Fund, and the Poultry and Egg Grading Fund or from these funds to the Livestock and Poultry Fund Account. The purpose of these transfers shall only be for accurate allocation of incurred costs between the funds. Requests for fund transfer will at least include the total amount to be transferred, to and from which funds, the nature, purpose, and time period of the expenditures being reimbursed, and any other information requested by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is

provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department - Livestock and Poultry Commission authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

SECTION 38. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION - PEST ERADICATION. If the State Plant Board determines that the demands of pest eradication efforts require additional personnel expenses, with the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, appropriations may be transferred from the Pest Eradication Program special line item to the line items for Regular Salaries, Extra Help, Overtime, and Personal Services Matching.

Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the State Plant Board may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the State Plant Board authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is

void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA HELP PROVISION. No employee of the Arkansas Forestry Commission who is employed as "Extra Help" may receive an amount to exceed 3/4 of the maximum annual salary for a comparable position as authorized by Arkansas Code 21-5-201 et seq. during any fiscal year, nor may such employee be employed for a period of time to exceed nine (9) months in any single fiscal year. Provided, however, that no employee of the Arkansas Forestry Commission who is employed as "Extra Help" may receive an amount to exceed seventy five percent (75%) of the maximum annual salary for a comparable position as authorized by Arkansas Code 21-5-201 et seq. during any fiscal year, nor shall such employee be employed for a period of time to exceed fourteen hundred (1400) hours in any single fiscal year.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

SECTION 40. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. If the State Forestry Commission determines that temporary firefighters, dispatchers, or pilots are required to meet the demands of a wildfire season, and upon approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, appropriations may be transferred from either Extra Help or Professional Fees and Services to the proper character code for the employment of such personnel.

If the State Forestry Commission determines that the deployment of air tankers for fighting wildfires requires additional Professional Fees and Services, and upon the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, excess appropriation in Regular Salaries or Personal Services Matching may be transferred to Professional Fees and Services in the Operations and Forestry - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal appropriation sections.

If the State Forestry Commission determines that the most effective way for it to cooperate in the growing and distribution of forest planting stock is

by contracting work with private vendors and/or hiring temporary employees for seasonal work, the Commission is hereby authorized, upon approval by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, to transfer the necessary appropriation authorized for Extra Help and Maintenance and General Operation in the Operations and Forestry - Rural Community Fire Protection - Federal appropriation sections.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

SECTION 41. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The Arkansas Forestry Commission is authorized to charge fees to federal agencies and other states to reimburse the Commission for expenditures made on behalf of these governmental units. These fees shall be deposited into the State Forestry Fund in the State Treasury as a refund to expenditure.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

SECTION 42. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. The Arkansas Forestry Commission shall present the following data each month to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. This report shall be due by the 10th day of the month following the reporting period. The first reporting period shall be July 2012.

a) All fund transfers completed by the Arkansas Forestry Commission from any funding source including federal funds, and shall include a justification for the completion of the fund transfers.

b) All expenditures incurred by the Arkansas Forestry Commission from any funding source including federal funds, and shall include a justification for the expenditure of the funds.

c) All revenue receipts of the Arkansas Forestry Commission including but not limited to federal funds, general revenue, severance tax, acreage tax, timber sales and seedlings sales.

d) All Arkansas Forestry Commission activities including but not limited

to, firefighting activities, fire prevention, and emergency response as it relates to the Commission's statutory mission provided in Arkansas Code 15-31-101.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

SECTION 43. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall establish upon request for the Arkansas Agriculture Department a special Promotional Items appropriation to be used in the acquisition of promotional items. When the Arkansas Agriculture Department wishes to transfer from its operating expenses to the promotional items line, the request shall be forwarded by the Arkansas Agriculture Department to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for processing and for prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly has determined that the Arkansas Agriculture Department may operate more efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Arkansas Agriculture Department authorizing broad powers under this Section. Therefore, it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of this section. If the requirement of approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section is void.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

SECTION 44. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SHARED SERVICES. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall be authorized to create paying accounts, on his or her books and on the books of the Treasurer of the State and Auditor of State for the payment of all personal services and operating expenses of the Department, as well as grant programs as determined by the Secretary of the Arkansas Agriculture Department. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the state shall direct the transfer of positions, funds and appropriations to the paying accounts on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State for the efficient operations of the Department.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2017~~ 2018 through June 30, ~~2018~~ 2019.

SECTION 45. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FAIR WAIVER. The Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission shall waive the rules under Section (2) of the Commission's Minimum Standards for Receiving Funds for Premium and Construction Purposes to allow the Three-County Fair, consisting of Cross, Woodruff, and Jackson counties, to hold the Three-County Fair after the district fair while receiving the funds from the commission that the Three-County Fair would receive if the fair were held before the district fair. The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

SECTION 46. 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 47. 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 48. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective on and after July 1, 2018.

/s/ Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 3/6/18