

**ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION (0360)
2009-11 BIENNIUM**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

Mission

The Arkansas State Claims Commission is a quasi-judicial Commission, which has exclusive jurisdiction over all claims against the State of Arkansas, and its agencies, departments and institutions. The Commission is comprised of five (5) Commissioners who serve on a full-time basis for five (5) year staggered terms and are appointed by the governor. In addition to hearing various claims against the state, the Commission also hears claims for awarding valid death benefits to widows and/or dependents of policemen, firemen and certain other state employees killed in the official line of duty. As an arm of the General Assembly, the Commission's findings and decisions are subject to review by the General Assembly as to the payment of certain monetary awards for damage/injury. Each biennium Special Claims Bills outlining Commission awards exceeding \$10,000 are presented to the General Assembly.

Total Biennial Budget

The total budget for the 2009-2011 biennium is \$2,099,086 year one and \$2,067,397 year two.

Funding Source

The Commissions General Operations budget is funded through the State Central Services Fund. The Various Claims appropriation is funded through a Miscellaneous Revolving Fund.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The Claims Operations appropriation provides \$599,086 year one and \$567,397 year two which is an increase over base level of \$42,300 year one and \$2,300 year two in operating expenses and capital outlay.

The Claims Payment appropriation, funded from the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund, provides for base level of \$1.5 million each year.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS:

Total positions for FY 2009-11: 10

Total positions for FY 2007-09: 10

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

Employment Compensation Claims. Requires the Clerk of the State Claims Commission to notify affected state agencies and the DFA-Office of Personnel Management when employment compensation claims are due and payable, so that the claim may be processed through the State Mechanized Payroll System.