



**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS**  
**GOVERNOR**

March 10, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair  
Joint Budget Committee  
Arkansas General Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendment to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Agriculture - Promotion Boards.

Immediately following SECTION 7, please insert the following and renumber accordingly:

SECTION X. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SERVICE CHARGE FEE WAIVER. The deductions for the Constitutional Officers Fund and State Central Services Fund required under §§ 19-21-103 and 19-21-105 for collections of special revenue deposited into the fund created under § 2-9-112, or the deduction under §§ 2-20-406(c)(1), 2-20-507(c)(1), 2-20-606(b)(2)(A), 2-20-805(c)(2), and 2-35-308(b)(1) may be waived by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State after consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture. The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall notify the Treasurer of State and the secretary of the waiver.

The above request allows the deductions for the Constitutional Officers Fund and State Central Services Fund to be waived for the Department of Agriculture - Promotion Boards upon review by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Sanders". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders  
Governor of Arkansas

# Hall of the House of Representatives

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## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of House Bill 1017

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - PROMOTION BOARDS

APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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### Amendment No. \_\_\_ to House Bill 1017

Amend House Bill 1017 as originally introduced:

Page 4, Immediately following SECTION 7, insert a new SECTION to read as follows:

" SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SERVICE CHARGE FEE WAIVER.

(a)(1) After consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may waive the deductions for the Constitutional Officers Fund and the State Central Services Fund required under §§ 19-21-103 and 19-21-105 for:

(A) Collections of special revenue deposited into the Arkansas Catfish Promotion Fund under § 2-9-112; or

(B) The deductions under §§ 2-20-406(c)(1), 2-20-507(c)(1), 2-20-606(b)(2)(A), 2-20-805(c)(2), and 2-35-308(b)(1).

(2) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall notify the Treasurer of State and the secretary of the waiver.

(b) The provision of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTION numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

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