

ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION (0360)
FISCAL YEARS 2014 & 2015 - EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

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 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. A Special Claims bill outlining Commission awards exceeding \$10,000 are presented to the General Assembly each year.

Total Budget

The total budget for FY2014 and FY2015 is \$2,332,730.

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

Both appropriations for the Commission are being requested at Base Level of \$585,730 for the Operations of the Commission and \$1,750,000 for Various Claims.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS:

Total positions for FY2015: 10
Total positions for FY2014: 10
Total Budgeted Positions FY2013: 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.