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2 88th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2012
4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 60

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
9 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE OFFICIAL
10 COURT REPORTERS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS FOR THE
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE - OFFICIAL
16 COURT REPORTERS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2012-
17 2013 FISCAL YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby
24 established for the Auditor of State - Official Court Reporters of the
25 Circuit Courts for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
26 regular employees.
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Item		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2012-2013
(1)	COURT REPORTER	<u>122</u>	GRADE C119
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	122	

35 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby
36 appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the Court



1 Reporter’s Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Official
 2 Court Reporters of the Circuit Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 3 2013, the following:

5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>
7 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,878,464
8 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,029,519
9 (03) EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	400,000
10 (04) INDIGENT TRANSCRIPTS	600,000
11 (05) COURT REPORTER SUBSTITUTES	<u>325,000</u>
12 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$10,232,983</u></u>

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 14 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 16 TRANSCRIPTS. Official Court Reporters shall prepare transcripts, which are
 17 to be included within a record on appeal, pursuant to the time requirements
 18 that are outlined in the Arkansas Supreme Court Rules. In the event an
 19 official Court Reporter fails to complete a transcript within the prescribed
 20 time, he or she shall immediately inform the judge, for whom he or she is
 21 employed, and the Arkansas Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners.
 22 Failure of a Court Reporter to report to his or her judge and to the Arkansas
 23 Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners shall result in the immediate
 24 suspension of the Court Reporter’s license, pending a hearing before the
 25 Arkansas Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners.

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 27 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 28 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 29 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 30 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 31 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 32 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 33 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 34 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 35 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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1 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
2 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
3 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
4 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
5 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
6 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
7 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
8 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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10 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
11 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
12 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
13 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2012 is essential to the operation of
14 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
15 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
16 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2012 could work irreparable harm
17 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
18 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
19 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
20 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2012.

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