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A Bill

SENATE BILL 196

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE OFFICIAL COURT
REPORTERS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JUNE 30, 2014; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE -
OFFICIAL COURT REPORTERS APPROPRIATION
FOR THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby established for the Auditor of State - Official Court Reporters of the Circuit Courts for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

| Item No. | Title | Maximum | Maximum Annual |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| | | No. of Employees | Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2013-2014 |
| (1) | COURT REPORTER | <u>122</u> | GRADE C119 |
| | MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES | 122 | |

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the Court Reporter's Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Official



Court Reporters of the Circuit Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the following:

| ITEM NO. | FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (01) REGULAR SALARIES | \$6,518,781 |
| (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING | 2,040,891 |
| (03) EXPENSE ALLOWANCE | 400,000 |
| (04) INDIGENT TRANSCRIPTS | 600,000 |
| (05) COURT REPORTER SUBSTITUTES | <u>325,000</u> |
| TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED | <u><u>\$9,884,672</u></u> |

SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

TRANSCRIPTS. Official Court Reporters shall prepare transcripts, which are to be included within a record on appeal, pursuant to the time requirements that are outlined in the Arkansas Supreme Court Rules. In the event an official Court Reporter fails to complete a transcript within the prescribed time, he or she shall immediately inform the judge, for whom he or she is employed, and the Arkansas Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners. Failure of a Court Reporter to report to his or her judge and to the Arkansas Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners shall result in the immediate suspension of the Court Reporter's license, pending a hearing before the Arkansas Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners.

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.