

State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1023

By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR SALARIES OF ELECTED PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS AND EXPENSES OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE - GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS, ARKANSAS SENATE AND ARKANSAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - AUDITOR OF STATE DISBURSEMENTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Auditor of State - General Appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR
		2015-2016
(01)	SALARIES OF TWENTY FIVE (25) PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS - DIVISION A OF \$124,394	\$3,109,850
(02)	SALARIES OF THREE (3) PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS - DIVISION B OF \$104,089	312,267
(03)	SPECIAL AND RECALLED JUDGES FOR THE	



CIRCUIT COURTS	350,000
(04) TRIAL JUDGES EXPENSES	400,000
(05) DISTRICT JUDGES TRAVEL EXPENSE	
REIMBURSEMENT	27,000
(06) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>1,026,635</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,225,752</u></u>

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas House of Representatives, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for reimbursements to Representatives for interim expenses incurred as authorized by law of the Arkansas House of Representatives for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) INTERIM EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR REPRESENTATIVES	<u><u>\$1,825,000</u></u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS SENATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for reimbursements to Senators for interim expenses incurred as authorized by law of the Arkansas Senate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
(01) INTERIM EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SENATORS	<u><u>\$650,000</u></u>

SECTION 4. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. DISBURSING OFFICER. The Auditor of State shall be disbursing officer for the funds appropriated in Section 1 herein.

SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SENATE

DISBURSEMENTS. The Secretary of the Senate shall be disbursing officer for the funds appropriated for Interim Expense Reimbursements for Senators herein.

SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. HOUSE DISBURSEMENTS. The Chief of Staff or his designee of the House of Representatives shall be disbursing officer for the funds appropriated for Interim Expense Reimbursements for Representatives herein.

SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. HOUSE INTERIM EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS. The appropriations authorized in Section 2 shall be used for making reimbursements for interim expenses incurred by members of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SENATE INTERIM EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS. The appropriations authorized in Section 3 shall be used for making reimbursements for interim expenses incurred by members of the Senate.

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. LEGISLATIVE INSTITUTE. Members of the preceding General Assembly and the newly elected members of the House of Representatives and Senate shall be eligible to attend the biennial Institute of Legislative Procedure and shall be entitled, upon filing claim therefor, to per diem in the amount fixed by law for members of the General Assembly to receive for attendance at Legislative sessions, for each day in attending the biennial Institute of Legislative Procedure plus mileage for traveling from their place of residence to the biennial Institute of Legislative Procedure and return.

SECTION 10. 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 11. 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, 2015 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, 2015 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, 2015.