

State of Arkansas
92nd General Assembly
Fiscal Session, 2020

A Bill

SENATE BILL 1

By: Senate Efficiency

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL
YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby
established for the Arkansas Senate for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the
following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2020-2021
(1)	DIRECTOR OF THE SENATE/SEC OF SENATE	1
(2)	CHIEF COUNSEL	1
(3)	DEPUTY DIRECTOR/ASST SEC OF SENATE	1
(4)	PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1
(5)	FISCAL OFFICER	1
(6)	CONSTITUENT SERVICES MANAGER	1
(7)	CONSTITUENT ADVISOR	2



1	(8)	ASSISTANT INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE GS10
2	(9)	PRODUCTION ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS10
3	(10)	LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST	1	GRADE GS10
4	(11)	ADMIN ASST/RECEPTIONIST	2	GRADE GS10
5	(12)	PROPERTIES OFFICER	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS09
6		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	14	

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8 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby authorized,
 9 for the Arkansas Senate for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following maximum
 10 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 11 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary
 12 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 13 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 14 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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16 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby
 17 appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central
 18 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas
 19 Senate - Staff Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the
 20 following:

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22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,963,896
25	(02) EXTRA HELP	50,000
26	(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	549,891
27	(04) MAINT. & GEN OPERATION	<u>175,000</u>
28	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,738,787</u></u>

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30 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ORIENTATION. There is hereby appropriated,
 31 to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund,
 32 for expenses of the State Orientation including the payment of per diem and
 33 mileage of members of the Arkansas Senate who attend the Senate Orientation
 34 program held prior to the convening of a Legislative Session of the General
 35 Assembly, the sum of.....\$15,000.

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1 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS
2 FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable
3 from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for the balance remaining on June 30,
4 2020 in the appropriations, Section 3 of Act 1 of 2019, Sections 4 and 5 of
5 Act 146 of 2019 there to be used for any purpose to defray the necessary
6 expenses of the Arkansas Senate of the Ninety-Second General Assembly, in a
7 sum in the aggregate not to exceed \$3,500,000.
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9 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - STATE CENTRAL SERVICES
10 FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable
11 from the State Central Services Fund, and payable from the balance remaining
12 on June 30, 2020 in the appropriations, Sections 3, 6, 7 and 8 of Act 146 of
13 2019 there to be used for any purpose to defray the necessary expenses of the
14 Arkansas Senate of the Ninety-Second General Assembly, in a sum in the
15 aggregate not to exceed \$3,500,000.
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17 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COMPUTERIZATION. There is hereby
18 appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central
19 Services Fund, for expenses necessary in continuing the computerization of
20 the legislative process in the Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.
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22 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS. There is
23 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State
24 Central Services Fund, for construction, improvements, renovations and
25 equipping of the Arkansas Senate facilities and other purposes of the
26 Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.
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28 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
30 TRANSFERS. If the Senate Efficiency Committee and the Secretary of the
31 Senate, subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate, should determine that
32 any item or portion thereof appropriated herein for a specific purpose is not
33 needed for such purpose, the Secretary of the Senate may certify such fact to
34 the State Auditor and the State Auditor shall cause a transfer to be made
35 from one item to another.
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1 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SALARIES.
3 In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and
4 retained, the Senate may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than
5 twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-third (1/3) of the positions
6 authorized in their operation appropriation act, and may exceed the maximum
7 salary levels for the purpose of merit adjustments for all positions.
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9 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
10 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
11 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
12 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
13 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
14 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
15 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
16 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
17 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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19 SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
20 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
21 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
22 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
23 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
24 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
25 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
26 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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28 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
29 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
30 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
31 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2020 is essential to the operation of
32 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
33 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
34 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2020 could work irreparable harm
35 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
36 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, 2020.

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