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HOUSE BILL 1097

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC
SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

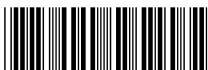
Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-
2026 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - UTILITIES DIVISION. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Utilities Division for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	U005U	PSC CHAIRMAN	1	GRADE SE03
(2)	U004U	PSC COMMISSIONER	2	GRADE SE01
(3)	U050U	PSC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE01
(4)	D007C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
(5)	D030C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	2	GRADE IT07



(6)	D054C COMPUTER SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT05
(7)	D052C SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT05
(8)	G003N PSC CHIEF ADMIN LAW JUDGE	1	GRADE GS15
(9)	B145C DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING	1	GRADE GS14
(10)	G011N PSC ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE	4	GRADE GS14
(11)	G006N PSC CHIEF COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS14
(12)	G343C PSC CHIEF OF STAFF	1	GRADE GS14
(13)	X001C PSC DIR OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES SECT	1	GRADE GS14
(14)	N043N PSC DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL ANALYSIS	1	GRADE GS14
(15)	P080C PSC DIRECTOR OF TELECOMM & CONSUMER	1	GRADE GS14
(16)	A129C PSC QUALITY SERVICES DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
(17)	A130C PSC RATES & DEMAND RESOURCES DIR	1	GRADE GS14
(18)	G278C PSC RESEARCH & POLICY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
(19)	G004C MANAGING ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS13
(20)	G025C ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS12
(21)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
(22)	A013C PSC DIRECTOR OF REVENUE REQUIREMENTS	1	GRADE GS12
(23)	G299C PSC ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
(24)	A027C ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
(25)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS11
(26)	B023C ENGINEER, P.E.	2	GRADE GS11
(27)	X033C PSC SENIOR PUBLIC UTILITY AUDITOR	4	GRADE GS11
(28)	A028C PSC SENIOR RATE CASE ANALYST	8	GRADE GS11
(29)	G073C ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS10
(30)	A052C ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS09
(31)	A046C PSC RATE CASE ANALYST	13	GRADE GS09
(32)	X064C PSC PUBLIC UTILITY AUDITOR	5	GRADE GS08
(33)	G164C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE COMM	1	GRADE GS07
(34)	C010C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS07
(35)	A065C PAYROLL SERVICES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(36)	X218C PSC COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATOR SUPER	1	GRADE GS07
(37)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	5	GRADE GS06
(38)	G123C PSC CLERK	1	GRADE GS06
(39)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
(40)	C022C BUSINESS OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
(41)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	2	GRADE GS04

(42) X167C COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATOR	<u>7</u>	GRADE GS04
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	91	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - UTILITIES DIVISION. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Utilities Division for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: six (6) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - UTILITIES DIVISION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, to be payable from the Public Service Commission Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Utilities Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,808,557
(02) EXTRA HELP	14,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,287,548
(04) OVERTIME	5,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,070,597
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	78,922
(C) PROF. FEES	10,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) BUILDING REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	24,319
(07) FED REGULATORY SERVICES	290,575
(08) PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	998,000
(09) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>138,856</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$11,726,374</u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - TAX DIVISION. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Tax Division for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	N071N	PSC TAX DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
(2)	A019C	PSC TAX DIVISION ASSISTANT DIR	1	GRADE GS11
(3)	G268C	PSC MOTOR CARRIER ASST DIV DIR	1	GRADE GS10
(4)	A038C	FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(5)	A047C	FINANCIAL ANALYST II	1	GRADE GS08
(6)	A076C	FINANCE PROGRAM ANALYST	1	GRADE GS07
(7)	A064C	PSC TAX VALUATION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
(8)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(9)	B076C	RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
(10)	A095C	PSC TAX DIV VALUATION ANALYST	<u>6</u>	GRADE GS03
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	15	

SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - TAX DIVISION. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Tax Division for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - TAX DIVISION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, to be payable from the Tax Division Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Tax Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM

FISCAL YEAR

NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$766,834
(02) EXTRA HELP	38,238
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	299,096
(04) OVERTIME	5,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	194,472
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	20,500
(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,424,140</u>

SECTION 7. REGULAR SALARIES - PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Pipeline Safety Program for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2025-2026
(1)	N248N PSC DIRECTOR OF PIPELINE SAFETY	1	GRADE GS14
(2)	G341C PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
(3)	X216C PSC PIPELINE SAFETY COORDINATOR	7	GRADE GS09
(4)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS06
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	10	

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Public Service Commission, to be payable from the Public Service Commission Utility Safety Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Public Service Commission - Pipeline Safety Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026

(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$692,707
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	238,384
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	105,714
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	25,620
(C) PROF. FEES	2,229
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	175,440
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,240,094</u></u>

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. REFUND TO EXPENDITURE. The proceeds from the reimbursement of travel expenses received by the Public Service Commission, shall be deposited into the same State Treasury Fund or Fund Account from which the original travel expenditure was incurred as a refund to expenditure to the credit of the appropriation from which the original expenditure was made.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 10. 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 11. 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 12. 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, 2025 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, 2025 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, 2025.