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A Bill

SENATE BILL 55

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 SUPREME COURT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Supreme Court for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Maximum Annual</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Code Title</i>	<i>No. of</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
		<i>Employees</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
			<i>2025-2026</i>
(1)	Q009N SUPREME COURT CLERK	1	GRADE EXE01
(2)	Q051C NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IST10
(3)	Q263C APPELLATE AUTOMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST08
(4)	Q106C DATA POLICY MANAGER	1	GRADE IST08
(5)	Q021C APPELLATE REVIEW ATTORNEY II	2	GRADE SPC07
(6)	Q011C CRIMINAL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC07



(7)	Q072C FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE SPC07
(8)	Q010C LIBRARY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC07
(9)	Q035C SUPREME COURT LAW CLERK	14	GRADE SPC07
(10)	Q012C SUPREME COURT REPORTER	1	GRADE SPC07
(11)	Q037C ASSISTANT CRIMINAL COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SPC05
(12)	Q036C CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SPC05
(13)	Q217C DEPUTY CRIMINAL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC06
(14)	Q288C SUPREME COURT HUMAN RESOURCE COORD	1	GRADE SGS11
(15)	Q083C COMMUNICATIONS COUNSEL	1	GRADE SPC04
(16)	Q038C DEPUTY REPORTER	1	GRADE SPC05
(17)	Q090C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO CLERK	1	GRADE SGS08
(18)	Q091C JUDICIAL CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIST	1	GRADE SGS09
(19)	Q125C SUPREME COURT POLICE OFFICER	5	GRADE LES04
(20)	Q228C DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SGS08
(21)	Q108C FINANCIAL SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS09
(22)	Q116C JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	6	GRADE SGS09
(23)	Q109C RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE SGS09
(24)	Q107C ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SGS08
(25)	Q122C DATA RESEARCH ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS08
(26)	Q192C PUBLIC SERVICE LIBRARIAN	1	GRADE SGS08
(27)	Q124C LIBRARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07

MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 51

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Supreme Court 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 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Supreme Court, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Supreme Court for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,689,830
(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,483,556
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	417,765
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	55,000
(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	112,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) ARKANSAS REPORTS	229,477
(06) COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS	195,000
(07) COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES	20,000
(08) SPECIAL JUSTICES	5,500
(09) JUDICIAL EDUCATION	100,000
(10) RECORDS MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY	<u>300,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,663,128</u></u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - SUPREME COURT BAR OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Supreme Court - Bar of Arkansas for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item	Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
No.	Code Title		
(1)	Q057N SUPREME COURT DIRECTOR OF OPC	1	GRADE EXE01
(2)	Q058N SUPREME COURT DIRECTOR OF OPP	1	GRADE EXE01
(3)	Q059N SUPREME COURT DEP DIRECTOR OF OPC	1	GRADE SPC08
(4)	Q268C SUPREME COURT ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE SPC07
(5)	Q269C SUPREME COURT ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SPC06
(6)	Q200C SUPREME COURT DIRECTOR OF AJC	1	GRADE SPC06
(7)	Q201C SUPREME COURT DIRECTOR OF JLAP	1	GRADE SPC06
(8)	Q199C SUPREME COURT SENIOR STAFF ATTY OPC	1	GRADE SPC06

(9)	Q202C SUPREME COURT STAFF ATTORNEY OPC	2	GRADE SPC05
(10)	Q264C HELP DESK APPLICATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS11
(11)	Q204C SUPREME COURT DEPUTY DIRECTOR JLAP	1	GRADE SPC05
(12)	Q207C SUPREME COURT LICENSING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SGS11
(13)	Q229C SUPREME COURT PROGRAM COORD AJC	1	GRADE SPC04
(14)	Q301C SUPREME COURT PROGRAM COORD OPP II	1	GRADE SGS11
(15)	Q203C SUPREME COURT PROGRAM COORD OPP I	1	GRADE SGS08
(16)	Q270C SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASST/PARALEGAL	1	GRADE SGS09
(17)	Q206C SUPREME COURT FINANCIAL SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS09
(18)	Q208C SUPREME COURT PARALEGAL OPC	1	GRADE SGS09
(19)	Q211C SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT AJC	1	GRADE SGS07
(20)	Q297C SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT OPC	1	GRADE SGS07
(21)	Q210C SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT OPP	2	GRADE SGS07
(22)	Q230C SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASST JLAP	1	GRADE SGS06
(23)	Q209C SUPREME COURT INVESTIGATOR OPC	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	25	

SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - SUPREME COURT BAR OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Supreme Court 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 - SUPREME COURT BAR OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Supreme Court, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for personal services and operating expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,886,951
(02) EXTRA HELP	20,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	632,963

(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	750,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	181,700
(C) PROF. FEES	420,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	75,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) CONSTRUCTION	75,000
(06) REFUNDS/INVESTMENTS/TRANSFERS	<u>1,690,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,731,614</u></u>

SECTION 7. 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 8. 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 9. 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.

/s/Joint Budget Committee