

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

SENATE BILL 1

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5 By: Senate Efficiency
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE FOR
11 THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
18 YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby
24 established for the Arkansas Senate for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
25 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2026-2027
31 (1)	DIR OF SENATE/SECRETARY OF SENATE	1	GRADE EXE01
32 (2)	CHIEF COUNSEL/PARLIAMENTARIAN	1	GRADE SPC10
33 (3)	ASST SEC OF SENATE/CONSTITUENT SVCS MGR	1	GRADE SPC08
34 (4)	COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC INFO OFFICER	1	GRADE SPC05
35 (5)	FISCAL OFFICER/EMPLOYEE BENEFITS LIAISON	1	GRADE SPC05
36 (6)	ASST COMMUNICATIONS & INFO OFFICER	1	GRADE SPC04



1	(7)	TECHNICAL SERVICES COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC04
2	(8)	SENIOR CONSTITUENT SERVICE ADVISOR	1	GRADE SPC03
3	(9)	ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE	1	GRADE SPC03
4	(10)	CONSTITUENT SERVICE ADVISOR	8	GRADE SPC02
5	(11)	LEGISLATIVE ASST/RECEPTIONIST/SESSION	1	GRADE SGS08
6	(12)	CSO ADMIN ASST/RECEPTIONIST/SESSION	2	GRADE SGS07
7	(13)	PROPERTIES OFFICER/INVENTORY	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
8		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	21	

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10 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby authorized,
 11 for the Arkansas Senate for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum
 12 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 13 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary
 14 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 15 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 16 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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18 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby
 19 appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central
 20 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas
 21 Senate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

23	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
24	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
25	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,963,896
26	(02) EXTRA HELP	50,000
27	(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	587,183
28	(04) MAINT. & GEN OPERATION	<u>250,000</u>
29	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,851,079</u></u>

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

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2 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS
3 FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable
4 from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for the balance remaining on June 30,
5 2026 in the appropriations Section 3 of Act 1 of 2025 and Sections 4 and 5 of
6 Act 1011 of 2025, there to be used for any purpose to defray the necessary
7 expenses of the Arkansas Senate of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly, in a
8 sum in the aggregate not to exceed.....\$4,000,000.

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10 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - STATE CENTRAL SERVICES
11 FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable
12 from the State Central Services Fund, and payable from the balance remaining
13 on June 30, 2026 in the appropriations, Sections 3, 6, 7 and 8 of Act 1011 of
14 2025 there to be used for any purpose to defray the necessary expenses of the
15 Arkansas Senate of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly, in a sum in the
16 aggregate not to exceed.....\$4,000,000.

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18 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COMPUTERIZATION. There is hereby
19 appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central
20 Services Fund, for expenses necessary in continuing the computerization of
21 the legislative process in the Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.

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23 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS. There is
24 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State
25 Central Services Fund, for construction, improvements, renovations and
26 equipping of the Arkansas Senate facilities and other purposes of the
27 Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$1,500,000.

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29 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
30 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
31 TRANSFERS. If the Senate Efficiency Committee and the Secretary of the
32 Senate, subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate, should determine that
33 any item or portion thereof appropriated herein for a specific purpose is not
34 needed for such purpose, the Secretary of the Senate may certify such fact to
35 the State Auditor and the State Auditor shall cause a transfer to be made
36 from one item to another.

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2 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SALARIES.

4 In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and
5 retained, the Senate may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than
6 twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-third (1/3) of the positions
7 authorized in their operation appropriation act, and may exceed the maximum
8 salary levels for the purpose of merit adjustments for all positions.

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10 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
11 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
12 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
13 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
14 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
15 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
16 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
17 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
18 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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20 SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
21 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
22 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
23 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
24 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
25 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
26 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
27 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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29 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
30 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
31 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
34 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
35 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
36 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

1 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
2 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
3 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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