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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, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	Q009N	SUPREME COURT CLERK	1	GRADE EXE01
(2)	Q021C	APPELLATE REVIEW ATTORNEY II	2	GRADE SPC07
(3)	Q011C	CRIMINAL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC07
(4)	Q072C	FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE SPC07
(5)	Q010C	LIBRARY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC07
(6)	Q035C	SUPREME COURT LAW CLERK	14	GRADE SPC07



(7)	Q012C	SUPREME COURT REPORTER	1	GRADE SPC07
(8)	Q217C	DEPUTY CRIMINAL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC06
(9)	Q037C	ASSISTANT CRIMINAL COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SPC05
(10)	Q036C	CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SPC05
(11)	Q038C	DEPUTY REPORTER	1	GRADE SPC05
(12)	Q083C	COMMUNICATIONS COUNSEL	1	GRADE SPC04
(13)	Q288C	SUPREME COURT HUMAN RESOURCE COORD	1	GRADE SGS11
(14)	Q108C	FINANCIAL SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS09
(15)	Q116C	JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	6	GRADE SGS09
(16)	Q091C	JUDICIAL CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ASST	1	GRADE SGS09
(17)	Q109C	RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE SGS09
(18)	Q107C	ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SGS08
(19)	Q122C	DATA RESEARCH ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS08
(20)	Q228C	DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SGS08
(21)	Q090C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO CLERK	1	GRADE SGS08
(22)	Q192C	PUBLIC SERVICE LIBRARIAN	1	GRADE SGS08
(23)	Q124C	LIBRARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	1	GRADE SGS07
(24)	Q125C	SUPREME COURT POLICE OFFICER	5	GRADE LES04
(25)	Q051C	NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IST10
(26)	Q263C	APPELLATE AUTOMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST08
(27)	Q106C	DATA POLICY MANAGER	<u>1</u>	GRADE IST08
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		51	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Supreme Court for the 2026-2027 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,692,330
(02)	EXTRA HELP	30,000
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,484,130
(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>\$7,666,202</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 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(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)	Q204C	SUPREME COURT DEPUTY DIRECTOR JLAP	1	GRADE SPC05

(10)	Q202C	SUPREME COURT STAFF ATTORNEY OPC	2	GRADE SPC05
(11)	Q229C	SUPREME COURT PROGRAM COORD AJC	1	GRADE SPC04
(12)	Q264C	HELP DESK APPLICATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS11
(13)	Q207C	SUPREME COURT LICENSING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SGS11
(14)	Q301C	SUPREME COURT PROGRAM COORD OPP II	1	GRADE SGS11
(15)	Q270C	SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASST/PARALEGAL	1	GRADE SGS09
(16)	Q206C	SUPREME COURT FINANCIAL SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS09
(17)	Q208C	SUPREME COURT PARALEGAL OPC	1	GRADE SGS09
(18)	Q203C	SUPREME COURT PROGRAM COORD OPP I	1	GRADE SGS08
(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)	Q209C	SUPREME COURT INVESTIGATOR OPC	1	GRADE SGS07
(23)	Q230C	SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASST JLAP	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS06
		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 2026-2027 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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,888,551
(02) EXTRA HELP	20,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	633,330
(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>\$5,733,581</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, 2026 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, 2026 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, 2026.