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SENATE BILL 146

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME  
10 AND FISH COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE  
11 30, 2016; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS STATE GAME AND  
15 FISH COMMISSION APPROPRIATION FOR THE  
16 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
23 Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the  
24 following maximum number of regular employees.  
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26				Maximum Annual
27				Salary Rate
28	Item	Class	Maximum	Fiscal Year
29	No.	Code	No. of	2015-2016
	No.	Code	Employees	
30	(1)	U028U	AGFC DIRECTOR	1 \$132,729
31	(2)	U071U	AGFC CHIEF OF STAFF	1 \$108,065
32	(3)	N188N	AGFC ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR	3 GRADE N908
33	(4)	G020N	AGFC GENERAL COUNSEL	1 GRADE N906
34	(5)	D093C	AGFC CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER	1 GRADE C130
35	(6)	T002C	AGFC COLONEL	1 GRADE C129
36	(7)	B003C	AGFC DIVISION CHIEF	4 GRADE C129



1	(8)	D008C	GIS LEAD	1	GRADE C128
2	(9)	A014C	FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE C127
3	(10)	B121C	AGFC DIVISION ASST CHIEF	10	GRADE C126
4	(11)	T008C	AGFC MAJOR	3	GRADE C126
5	(12)	B017C	AGFC REAL ESTATE AND ENGINEER MANAGER	1	GRADE C126
6	(13)	G047C	ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C126
7	(14)	R006C	HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C126
8	(15)	D016C	SENIOR TECHNOLOGY ANALYST	1	GRADE C126
9	(16)	D014C	STATE SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE C126
10	(17)	T014C	AGFC CAPTAIN	14	GRADE C124
11	(18)	A031C	ASSISTANT CONTROLLER	1	GRADE C124
12	(19)	G073C	ATTORNEY	2	GRADE C124
13	(20)	B024C	CONSERVATION PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE C124
14	(21)	D029C	SENIOR GIS ANALYST	1	GRADE C124
15	(22)	R013C	AGENCY HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
16	(23)	B046C	AGFC BIOLOGIST PROGRAM SPECIALIST	7	GRADE C123
17	(24)	B122C	AGFC BIOLOGIST SUPERVISOR	25	GRADE C123
18	(25)	T017C	AGFC LIEUTENANT	16	GRADE C123
19	(26)	B039C	AGFC NATURE CENTER MANAGER	4	GRADE C123
20	(27)	X031C	AGFC OPERATIONS & FACILITY MANAGER	1	GRADE C123
21	(28)	D040C	GIS ANALYST	3	GRADE C123
22	(29)	B135C	HATCHERY MANAGER	2	GRADE C123
23	(30)	D039C	NETWORK SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE C123
24	(31)	P004C	PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	2	GRADE C123
25	(32)	D038C	SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE C123
26	(33)	T020C	AGFC SERGEANT	25	GRADE C122
27	(34)	A052C	ACCOUNTING COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C121
28	(35)	B131C	AGFC BIOLOGIST - ASST REGIONAL MGR	8	GRADE C121
29	(36)	B123C	AGFC BIOLOGIST SPECIALIST	35	GRADE C121
30	(37)	T026C	AGFC CORPORAL	128	GRADE C121
31	(38)	C005C	AGFC LICENSING MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
32	(39)	B132C	ASSISTANT HATCHERY MANAGER	5	GRADE C121
33	(40)	G109C	GRANTS MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
34	(41)	R014C	PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C121
35	(42)	P013C	PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE C120
36	(43)	B124C	AGFC BIOLOGIST	44	GRADE C119

1	(44)	D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C119
2	(45)	E031C	EDUCATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR	7	GRADE C119
3	(46)	G147C	GRANTS COORDINATOR	2	GRADE C119
4	(47)	C090C	AGFC LICENSING SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C118
5	(48)	R024C	ASSISTANT PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE C118
6	(49)	E037C	EDUCATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST	28	GRADE C118
7	(50)	C010C	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE C118
8	(51)	A074C	FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C118
9	(52)	X077C	REAL ESTATE OFFICER	1	GRADE C118
10	(53)	B074C	SURVEYOR	2	GRADE C118
11	(54)	D064C	WEBSITE DEVELOPER	2	GRADE C118
12	(55)	B133C	AGFC SENIOR TECHNICIAN	16	GRADE C117
13	(56)	D071C	COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	3	GRADE C117
14	(57)	P021C	EDITOR	3	GRADE C117
15	(58)	R025C	HUMAN RESOURCES ANALYST	2	GRADE C117
16	(59)	G179C	LEGAL SERVICES SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C117
17	(60)	S017C	MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE C117
18	(61)	P020C	PRODUCTION ARTIST	1	GRADE C117
19	(62)	A089C	ACCOUNTANT I	1	GRADE C116
20	(63)	C097C	AGFC REGIONAL OFFICE MANAGER	1	GRADE C116
21	(64)	D076C	COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C116
22	(65)	X129C	CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR	7	GRADE C116
23	(66)	S098C	CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C116
24	(67)	S022C	SKILLED TRADES SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C116
25	(68)	D074C	TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C116
26	(69)	C037C	ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE C115
27	(70)	A091C	FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	4	GRADE C115
28	(71)	S033C	MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE C115
29	(72)	S031C	SKILLED TRADESMAN	5	GRADE C115
30	(73)	C095C	AGFC REGIONAL OFFICE COORDINATOR	11	GRADE C114
31	(74)	S040C	CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN	3	GRADE C114
32	(75)	P041C	COMMERCIAL GRAPHIC ARTIST	2	GRADE C114
33	(76)	T068C	FIRING RANGE SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C114
34	(77)	D081C	TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	10	GRADE C114
35	(78)	C050C	ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SUPERVISOR	5	GRADE C113
36	(79)	V020C	INVENTORY CONTROL MANAGER	2	GRADE C113

1	(80)	S046C	MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	5	GRADE C113
2	(81)	P048C	MULTI-MEDIA SPECIALIST	1	GRADE C113
3	(82)	B101C	NATURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM TECHNICIAN	50	GRADE C113
4	(83)	P046C	PHOTOGRAPHER	1	GRADE C113
5	(84)	C056C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	9	GRADE C112
6	(85)	A098C	FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	7	GRADE C112
7	(86)	C054C	LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	9	GRADE C112
8	(87)	S056C	FOOD PREPARATION SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE C111
9	(88)	S054C	PRINTER	1	GRADE C111
10	(89)	B134C	AGFC LICENSING SPECIALIST	9	GRADE C110
11	(90)	C073C	ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	18	GRADE C109
12	(91)	C084C	MAIL SERVICES SPECIALIST	<u>1</u>	GRADE C107
13			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	616	

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15 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas  
 16 State Game and Fish Commission for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the following  
 17 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra  
 18 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred  
 19 eighty-five (185) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of  
 20 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and  
 21 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate  
 22 classification.

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24 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 25 to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable from the Game  
 26 Protection Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas  
 27 State Game and Fish Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the  
 28 following:

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30	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
32	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$33,006,586
33	(02) EXTRA HELP	1,187,500
34	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	11,957,482
35	(04) OVERTIME	250,000
36	(05) UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	885,000

1	(06) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	34,881,187
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	350,535
4	(C) PROF. FEES	3,459,003
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	10,502,608
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(07) GAME AND FISH GRANTS	5,528,831
8	(08) CONSTRUCTION	<u>8,300,000</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$110,308,732</u>

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11 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GAS LEASE REVENUES. There is hereby  
 12 appropriated, to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable  
 13 from the Game Protection Fund, for operating expenses, capital projects,  
 14 acquisition of land and conservation easements of the Arkansas State Game and  
 15 Fish Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

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17	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
19	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$2,664,685
21	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
22	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
23	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	1,000,000
24	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$3,764,685</u>

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27 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CONSERVATION PARTNERS PROGRAM GRANTS. There  
 28 is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be  
 29 payable from the Game Protection Fund, for grants to conservation partners,  
 30 or other eligible entities for operating, equipment, and maintenance expenses  
 31 associated with addressing statewide hunger needs for the fiscal year ending  
 32 June 30, 2016, the following:

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34	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
36	(01) CONSERVATION PARTNERS PROGRAM GRANTS	<u>\$100,000</u>

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SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - BLACK RIVER SETTLEMENT FUNDS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, to be payable from the Game Protection Fund, for habitat restoration and construction on the Dave Donaldson Black River Wildlife Management Area (WMA) of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) RESTORATION OF BLACK RIVER WMA	<u>\$18,000,000</u>

SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. HUNTERS FEEDING THE HUNGRY. Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry is designed to share the harvest of an abundant resource with Arkansans who are in need of food, partner with the Game and Fish Commission in order to provide a solution for a healthy, balanced deer herd, provide a much needed free, low fat, high protein food source to the many feeding agencies and organizations across Arkansas and create a provider purpose for hunters who participate, allowing them to give back and share with others. In order to help sustain the Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry program in Arkansas the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission may establish a check off or other appropriate methods to raise revenue for support of the program. The intent of this Section is to encourage the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to examine opportunities available to provide support for the Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~ 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PAYMENT OF REWARDS. Payment of rewards shall be from the Game Protection Fund from the Commission's Maintenance and General Operation appropriation as herein appropriated in Section 3, Item No. (06)(A).

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~

1 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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3 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA  
5 HELP RESTRICTION. No employee of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission who is  
6 employed as extra help may receive an amount to exceed eighty-five percent  
7 (85%) of the maximum annual salary for a comparable position as authorized  
8 under § 21-5-201 et seq. during any fiscal year, nor shall such an employee  
9 be employed for a period of time to exceed one thousand eight hundred (1,800)  
10 hours in any single fiscal year.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
12 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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14 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
16 PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
17 State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget  
18 Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line  
19 item authorized in Section 3 Operations to any other line item authorized in  
20 Section 3 and the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any  
21 line item authorized in Section 4 Gas Lease Revenues to any other line item  
22 authorized in Section 4.

23 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~  
24 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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26 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
27 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. OVERTIME.  
28 The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is hereby authorized to make overtime  
29 payments from such funds and appropriations provided for overtime payments to  
30 those wildlife officers or other employees that are currently assigned or may  
31 be assigned by the Director of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission or by an  
32 appointed designate to Special Law Enforcement Task Forces, Special  
33 Operations, and other special programs reimbursable to the Arkansas Game and  
34 Fish Commission by federal or local authorities as approved by the Director  
35 of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. All such overtime payments shall  
36 be processed through the State Accounting System and shall be in addition to

1 the Regular Salaries and benefits accruing to the employee(s). Payment of  
2 overtime is the preferred method of implementing the provisions of this  
3 section.

4 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2014~~  
5 2015 through June 30, ~~2015~~ 2016.

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7 SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PAYMENT  
9 OF ACCRUED LEAVE. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is hereby authorized  
10 to pay all accrued and unused annual, holiday, and sick leave to the estate  
11 of any wildlife officer who dies in the line of duty. Such payments are  
12 subject to budgetary constraints and shall be disbursed after receipt of the  
13 official death certificate.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect from July 1, 2015  
15 through June 30, 2016.

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17 SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
18 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
19 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
20 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
21 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
22 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
23 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
24 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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26 SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
27 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
28 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
29 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of  
30 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
31 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
32 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm  
33 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
34 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
35 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
36 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.