

1 State of Arkansas  
2 93rd General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 175

5 By: Senate Efficiency  
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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 SENATE FOR  
10 THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE  
15 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL  
16 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 - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby  
23 established for the Arkansas Senate for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the  
24 following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2021-2022
30 (1)	DIRECTOR OF SENATE/SEC OF SENATE	1	GRADE SE04
31 (2)	CHIEF COUNSEL	1	GRADE SE03
32 (3)	DEPUTY DIRECTOR/ASST SEC OF SENATE	1	GRADE SE02
33 (4)	PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE SE01
34 (5)	FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS12
35 (6)	CONSTITUENT SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
36 (7)	CONSTITUENT ADVISOR	2	GRADE GS11



1	(8)	ASSISTANT INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE GS10
2	(9)	PRODUCTION ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS10
3	(10)	LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST	1	GRADE GS10
4	(11)	ADMIN ASST/RECEPTIONIST	2	GRADE GS10
5	(12)	PROPERTIES OFFICER	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS09
6		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	14	

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SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Senate for the 2021-2022 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: two (2) 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 - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Senate - Staff Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,963,896
(02) EXTRA HELP	50,000
(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	549,891
(04) MAINT. & GEN OPERATION	<u>175,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,738,787</u></u>

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

1 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS  
 2 FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable  
 3 from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for the balance remaining on June 30,  
 4 2021 in the appropriations Section 3 of Act 1 of 2020, Sections 4 and 5 of  
 5 Act 98 of 2020 and SB1 as introduced in the 2021 Regular Session there to be  
 6 used for any purpose to defray the necessary expenses of the Arkansas Senate  
 7 of the Ninety-Third General Assembly, in a sum in the aggregate not to  
 8 exceed.....\$3,500,000.

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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, 2021 in the appropriations, Section 3, 6, 7 and 8 of Act 98 of  
 14 2020 there to used for any purpose to defray the necessary expenses of the  
 15 Arkansas Senate of the Ninety-Third General Assembly, in a sum in the  
 16 aggregate not to exceed..... \$3,500,000.

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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.....\$700,000.

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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, 2021 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, 2021 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, 2021.

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