

1 State of Arkansas  
2 88th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2011  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 199

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL  
9 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE OFFICIAL  
10 COURT REPORTERS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS FOR THE  
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE - OFFICIAL  
16 COURT REPORTERS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2011-  
17 2012 FISCAL 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 - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby  
24 established for the Auditor of State - Official Court Reporters of the  
25 Circuit Courts for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the following maximum number of  
26 regular employees.  
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Item		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2011-2012
(1)	COURT REPORTER	<u>122</u>	GRADE C119
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	122	

35 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - COURT REPORTERS. There is hereby  
36 appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the Court



1 Reporter's Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Official  
2 Court Reporters of the Circuit Courts for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
3 2012, the following:

5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2011-2012</u>
7 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,729,960
8 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,999,564
9 (03) EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	400,000
10 (04) INDIGENT TRANSCRIPTS	600,000
11 (05) COURT REPORTER SUBSTITUTES	<u>325,000</u>
12 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$10,054,524</u></u>

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14 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
15 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
16 TRANSCRIPTS. Official Court Reporters shall prepare transcripts, which are  
17 to be included within a record on appeal, pursuant to the time requirements  
18 that are outlined in the Arkansas Supreme Court Rules. In the event an  
19 official Court Reporter fails to complete a transcript within the prescribed  
20 time, he or she shall immediately inform the judge, for whom he or she is  
21 employed, and the Arkansas Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners.  
22 Failure of a Court Reporter to report to his or her judge and to the Arkansas  
23 Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners shall result in the immediate  
24 suspension of the Court Reporter's license, pending a hearing before the  
25 Arkansas Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners.

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27 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
28 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
29 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
30 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
31 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
32 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
33 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
34 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
35 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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1 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
2 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
3 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
4 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
5 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
6 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
7 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
8 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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10 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
11 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
12 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
13 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2011 is essential to the operation of  
14 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
15 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
16 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2011 could work irreparable harm  
17 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
18 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
19 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
20 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2011.