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33 (3) G314C ELECTION ADMIN SUPERVISOR 1 GRADE GS11	33	(3) G314C ELECTION ADMIN S	JPERVISOR	1 GRADE GS11	
34 (4) G073C ATTORNEY 1 GRADE GS10	34	(4) G073C ATTORNEY		1 GRADE GS10	
35 (5) Al16C BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER 1 GRADE GS08	35	(5) A116C BUSINESS OPERATION	ONS MANAGER	1 GRADE GS08	
36 (6) G119C SBEC EDUCATIONAL SERVICES MANAGER 1 GRADE GS08	36	(6) G119C SBEC EDUCATIONAL	SERVICES MANAGER	1 GRADE GS08	

1	(7) CO37C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST 1	GRADE GS06	
2	(8) G162C SBEC ELECTION COORDINATOR2	GRADE GS06	
3	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 9		
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5	SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized,	for the State Board	
6	of Election Commissioners for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following		
7	maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be	known as "Extra	
8	Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such pur	rposes: twenty (20)	
9	temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed		
10	those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its		
11	successor, or this act for the appropriate classification	•	
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13	SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is her	reby appropriated,	
14	to the State Board of Election Commissioners, to be payable	le from the	
15	Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services	s and operating	
16	expenses of the State Board of Election Commissioners for	the fiscal year	
17	ending June 30, 2026, the following:		
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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR	
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SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the State Board of Election Commissioners, to be payable from the Nonpartisan Filing Fee Fund, for covering the costs of election expenses of the State Board of Election Commissioners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the sum of......\$1,600,000.

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- 8 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
- 9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
- 10 CARRY FORWARD ELECTION EXPENSES. At the close of the fiscal year ending
- 11 June 30, 2025 2026, any unexpended balance of monies provided for Election
- 12 Expenses, shall be transferred forward and made available for the same
- 13 purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 2027.
- 14 Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may
- 15 be carried forward under the following conditions:
- 16 (1) Prior to June 30, 2025 2026 the Agency shall by written statement set
- 17 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
- 18 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;
- 19 (2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall
- 20 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the
- 21 September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting
- 22 which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or
- 23 Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name
- 24 or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the
- 25 written request set forth in (1) above;
- 26 (3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written
- 27 report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee
- 28 containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written
- 29 statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for
- 30 which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30)
- 31 days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents
- 32 its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget
- 33 Committee; and
- 34 (4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include
- 35 all information obtained in item (3) above in the biennial budget manuals
- 36 and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or

1	Institution.
2	The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, $\frac{2024}{}$
3	2025 through June 30, 2025 2026.
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5	SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6	CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
7	TRANSFER. If funds are not available for the State Board of Election
8	Commissioners to perform their duties, the Director of the State Board of
9	Election Commissioners may from time to time certify to the Chief Fiscal
10	Officer of the State the amount of funds needed and the Chief Fiscal Officer
11	of the State shall transfer the certified amount from the Nonpartisan Filing
12	Fee Fund to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund for use by the State Board of
13	Election Commissioners.
14	The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
15	2024 <u>2025</u> through June 30, 2025 <u>2026</u> .
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17	SECTION 8. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
18	authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
19	and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
20	the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
21	Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
22	Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
23	control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
24	the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
25	strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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27	SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
28	Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
29	contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
30	which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
31	Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

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SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

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.

1	General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
2	the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
3	effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
4	the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
5	the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
6	effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
7	upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
8	programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
9	being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
10	and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.
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