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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1086

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS COURT OF
11 APPEALS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
18 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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established*
24 *for the Arkansas Court of Appeals for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the*
25 *following maximum number of regular employees.*
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Item	Class	No. of	Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate
No.	Code	Title	Fiscal Year
			2025-2026
(1)	Q017N	CHIEF STAFF ATTORNEY	GRADE EXE02
(2)	Q033C	LAW CLERK	GRADE SPC07
(3)	Q013C	STAFF ATTORNEY	GRADE SPC07
(4)	Q034C	CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	GRADE SPC05
(5)	Q087C	DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR	GRADE SPC05
(6)	Q112C	JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	GRADE SGS09



1	(7) Q098C ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SGS08
2	(8) Q099C FINANCE OFFICER	1	GRADE SGS09
3	(9) Q100C RECORDS MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS07
4	(10) Q119C DEPUTY CLERK	3	GRADE SGS07
5	(11) Q111C JUDICIAL ADMIN ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
6	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	49	

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8 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 9 the Arkansas Court of Appeals for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
 10 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 11 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2)
 12 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 13 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 14 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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16 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 17 to the Arkansas Court of Appeals, to be payable from the State Central
 18 Services Fund, for personal services, operating expenses, special judges,
 19 court appointed attorneys, and other legal expenses of the Arkansas Court of
 20 Appeals for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

22	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
23	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
24	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,329,643
25	(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
26	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,384,511
27	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
28	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	276,129
29	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	80,900
30	(C) PROF. FEES	0
31	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	50,000
32	(E) DATA PROC.	0
33	(05) LEGAL COUNSEL	360,000
34	(06) SPECIAL JUDGES	17,044
35	(07) MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	<u>60,000</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$6,583,227</u></u>

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SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 6. 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, 2025 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, 2025 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, 2025.

/s/ Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 4/17/25