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A Bill

SENATE BILL 55

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 SUPREME COURT
11 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
17 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 Supreme Court for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following*
25 *maximum number of regular employees.*
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Item	Class	No. of	Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate
		No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	Employees	2025-2026
31	(1) Q009N SUPREME COURT CLERK	1	GRADE EXE01
32	(2) Q051C NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IST10
33	(3) Q263C APPELLATE AUTOMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IST08
34	(4) Q106C DATA POLICY MANAGER	1	GRADE IST08
35	(5) Q021C APPELLATE REVIEW ATTORNEY II	2	GRADE SPC07
36	(6) Q011C CRIMINAL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC07



1	(7)	Q072C FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE SPC07
2	(8)	Q010C LIBRARY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC07
3	(9)	Q035C SUPREME COURT LAW CLERK	14	GRADE SPC07
4	(10)	Q012C SUPREME COURT REPORTER	1	GRADE SPC07
5	(11)	Q037C ASSISTANT CRIMINAL COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SPC05
6	(12)	Q036C CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SPC05
7	(13)	Q217C DEPUTY CRIMINAL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SPC06
8	(14)	Q288C SUPREME COURT HUMAN RESOURCE COORD	1	GRADE SGS11
9	(15)	Q083C COMMUNICATIONS COUNSEL	1	GRADE SPC04
10	(16)	Q038C DEPUTY REPORTER	1	GRADE SPC05
11	(17)	Q090C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO CLERK	1	GRADE SGS08
12	(18)	Q091C JUDICIAL CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIST	1	GRADE SGS09
13	(19)	Q125C SUPREME COURT POLICE OFFICER	5	GRADE LES04
14	(20)	Q228C DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SGS08
15	(21)	Q108C FINANCIAL SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS09
16	(22)	Q116C JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	6	GRADE SGS09
17	(23)	Q109C RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE SGS09
18	(24)	Q107C ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE SGS08
19	(25)	Q122C DATA RESEARCH ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS08
20	(26)	Q192C PUBLIC SERVICE LIBRARIAN	1	GRADE SGS08
21	(27)	Q124C LIBRARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
22		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	51	

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SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Supreme Court for the 2025-2026 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: five (5) 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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Supreme Court, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Supreme Court for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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2	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
4	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,689,830
5	(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
6	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,483,556
7	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
8	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	417,765
9	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	55,000
10	(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
11	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	112,000
12	(E) DATA PROC.	0
13	(05) ARKANSAS REPORTS	229,477
14	(06) COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS	195,000
15	(07) COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES	20,000
16	(08) SPECIAL JUSTICES	5,500
17	(09) JUDICIAL EDUCATION	100,000
18	(10) RECORDS MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY	<u>300,000</u>
19	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,663,128</u></u>

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21 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - SUPREME COURT BAR OF ARKANSAS. There is

22 hereby established for the Arkansas Supreme Court - Bar of Arkansas for the

23 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

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25			<i>Maximum Annual</i>
26		<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
27	<i>Item Class</i>	<i>No. of</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
28	<u>No. Code Title</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
29	(1) Q057N SUPREME COURT DIRECTOR OF OPC	1	GRADE EXE01
30	(2) Q058N SUPREME COURT DIRECTOR OF OPP	1	GRADE EXE01
31	(3) Q059N SUPREME COURT DEP DIRECTOR OF OPC	1	GRADE SPC08
32	(4) Q268C SUPREME COURT ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE SPC07
33	(5) Q269C SUPREME COURT ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SPC06
34	(6) Q200C SUPREME COURT DIRECTOR OF AJC	1	GRADE SPC06
35	(7) Q201C SUPREME COURT DIRECTOR OF JLAP	1	GRADE SPC06
36	(8) Q199C SUPREME COURT SENIOR STAFF ATTY OPC	1	GRADE SPC06

1	(9) Q202C SUPREME COURT STAFF ATTORNEY OPC	2	GRADE SPC05
2	(10) Q264C HELP DESK APPLICATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS11
3	(11) Q204C SUPREME COURT DEPUTY DIRECTOR JLAP	1	GRADE SPC05
4	(12) Q207C SUPREME COURT LICENSING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SGS11
5	(13) Q229C SUPREME COURT PROGRAM COORD AJC	1	GRADE SPC04
6	(14) Q301C SUPREME COURT PROGRAM COORD OPP II	1	GRADE SGS11
7	(15) Q203C SUPREME COURT PROGRAM COORD OPP I	1	GRADE SGS08
8	(16) Q270C SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASST/PARALEGAL	1	GRADE SGS09
9	(17) Q206C SUPREME COURT FINANCIAL SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS09
10	(18) Q208C SUPREME COURT PARALEGAL OPC	1	GRADE SGS09
11	(19) Q211C SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT AJC	1	GRADE SGS07
12	(20) Q297C SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT OPC	1	GRADE SGS07
13	(21) Q210C SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT OPP	2	GRADE SGS07
14	(22) Q230C SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASST JLAP	1	GRADE SGS06
15	(23) Q209C SUPREME COURT INVESTIGATOR OPC	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS07
16	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	25	

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 18 SECTION 5. EXTRA HELP - SUPREME COURT BAR OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby
 19 authorized, for the Arkansas Supreme Court for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
 20 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 21 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five
 22 (5) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 23 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 24 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 26 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - SUPREME COURT BAR OF ARKANSAS. There is
 27 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Supreme Court, to be payable from cash
 28 funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for personal services and
 29 operating expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

31	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
32	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
33	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,886,951
34	(02) EXTRA HELP	20,000
35	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	632,963

1	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
2	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	750,000
3	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	181,700
4	(C) PROF. FEES	420,000
5	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	75,000
6	(E) DATA PROC.	0
7	(05) CONSTRUCTION	75,000
8	(06) REFUNDS/INVESTMENTS/TRANSFERS	<u>1,690,000</u>
9	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,731,614</u></u>

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11 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
12 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
13 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
14 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
15 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
16 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
17 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
18 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
19 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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30 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
31 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
32 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
33 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
34 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
35 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
36 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm

1 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
2 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
3 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
4 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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6 */s/Joint Budget Committee*

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