

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
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February 19, 2026

Hon. Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Hon. Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201

SB31
SB32

Dear Senator Dismang and Representative Jean:

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) respectfully presents our Fiscal Year 2027 budget proposal. We have adhered closely to the recommendations provided by the Department of Finance and Administration, making no changes other than two long-overdue appropriation adjustments. This decision reflects our commitment to being sound, conservative fiscal stewards of the relatively modest funding allocated to the AOC.

The two appropriation adjustments are:

- Court Interpreters. This appropriation adjustment is necessary to provide constitutionally-required court interpreters. Rising market costs in mileage, transportation, and lodging necessitate a modest appropriation increase of \$94,750 for Fund Center 343F.
- Substitute Court Reporters. This appropriation adjustment is necessary to provide statutorily required court reporters. Rising market costs in mileage, transportation, and lodging necessitate a modest appropriation increase of \$106,929 for Fund Center N39R.

We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support and understanding, and we are committed to working closely with the Joint Budget Committee to ensure the efficient operation of our court system. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require further information.

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Sullivan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marty Sullivan

CC: Members of the Supreme Court of Arkansas
Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders
President Pro Tempore Bart Hester
Speaker of the House Brian Evans

ARKANSAS SENATE
95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 31

AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS APPROPRIATION FOR
THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 31

Amend Senate Bill 31 as originally introduced:

Page 3, line 16, delete "519,350" and insert "614,100"

AND

Page 3, line 17, delete "\$7,121,274" and insert "\$7,216,024".

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 32

AN ACT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS - COURT PERSONNEL
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 32

Amend Senate Bill 32 as originally introduced:

Page 3, line 7, delete "375,000" and insert "481,929"

AND

Page 3, line 8, delete "\$13,008,316" and insert "\$13,115,245".

DRAFT

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee
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Secretary