

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

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 43

AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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Amendment No. \_\_\_ to Senate Bill 43

Amend Senate Bill 43 as engrossed S4/15/26 (version: 4/15/26 01:58:14 PM):

Page 9, immediately following SECTION 6 insert the following SECTION:

" SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COUNTY  
EXTENSION OFFICE EMPLOYEE SALARIES.

(a) The University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture shall utilize  
any additional general revenue funding provided by the Revenue Stabilization  
Law, § 19-20-101 et seq., over its Fiscal Year 2026 Revenue Stabilization  
allocation of sixty-five million eight hundred thousand one hundred thirty-  
eight dollars (\$65,800,138), exclusively for salary increases for employees  
of county extension offices.

(b) The additional moneys referenced in subsection (a) of this section  
shall supplement and not supplant any general revenue funding currently being  
utilized for salaries of employees of county extension offices.

(c) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
2026 through June 30, 2027."

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent sections of the bill.

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_  
By: Senator J. Dismang  
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Secretary

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
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As Engrossed: S4/15/26

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SENATE BILL 43

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

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS  
11 - DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
12 JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS -  
17 DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION  
18 FOR THE 2026-2027 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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
24 for the University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture for the 2026-2027  
25 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2026-2027
	<u>DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE</u>		
	<u>TWELVE MONTH EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL</u>		
	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS</u>		
(1)	Vice-Pres. for Agriculture/Chance.	1	\$290,156
(2)	Senior Associate Vice President	2	\$255,607
(3)	Associate VP	6	\$249,780



1 (c) The property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station,  
2 located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of  
3 Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America  
4 acting through the Forest Service in 1978, shall remain open to the public  
5 for public use, including without limitation:

- 6 (1) Public fishing;
- 7 (2) Public hunting;
- 8 (3) Biking;
- 9 (4) Bird watching; and
- 10 (5) Hiking.

11 (d) All property commonly known as the Pine Tree Research Station,  
12 located in St. Francis County, Arkansas, which was acquired by the Board of  
13 Trustees of the University of Arkansas from the United States of America  
14 acting through the Forest Service in 1978, in row crop cultivation in the  
15 year 2020 is exempt from subsection (c) of this section.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025  
17 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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19 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
20 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
21 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
22 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
23 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
24 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditure Restriction  
25 Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where  
26 applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and  
27 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in  
28 disbursement of said funds.

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30 SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
31 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
32 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
33 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
34 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
35 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
36 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative