



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
LESLIE RUTLEDGE

April 16, 2026

The Hon. Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
The Hon. Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee

Dear Senator Dismang & Representative Jean,

I respectfully request the following changes to FY27 for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Specifically, I am requesting an increase in appropriations for regular salaries of \$81,200 and increase in personal services matching of \$18,676 for a total increase in appropriation of \$99,876.

Please delete SECTION 1. Regular Salaries – Operations in its entirety and replace with the following number accordingly:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES – OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Maximum No. of Employees</u>	<u>Maximum Annual Salary Rate FY 2026-2027</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Q540U</u>	<u>Chief of Staff/Legal Counsel</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$129,000</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Q541U</u>	<u>Communications/Policy Director</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$102,000</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>Q543U</u>	<u>Lt. Gov. Security Officer</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>\$82,500</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Q542U</u>	<u>Executive Assistant/Scheduler</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>\$64,800</u>
		<u>Max. No. of Employees</u>	<u>5</u>	

The above request is necessary to align the Lieutenant Governor’s Office positions with the grades outlined in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act.

Thank you for considering this request and for your committee's dedicated service to our State. Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Leslie Rutledge

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

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 29

AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR APPROPRIATION FOR
THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 29

Amend Senate Bill 29 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 31, delete "\$104,500" and replace with "\$129,000"

AND

Page 1, line 32, delete "\$77,000" and replace with "\$102,000"

AND

Page 1, line 33, delete "\$75,000" and replace with "\$82,500"

AND

Page 1, line 34, delete "\$44,000" and replace with "\$64,800"

AND

Page 2, line 9, delete "\$379,600" and replace with "\$460,800"

AND

Page 2, line 10, delete "129,773" and replace with "148,449"

AND

Page 2, line 17, delete "\$572,911" and replace with "\$672,787".

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

By: Joint Budget Committee

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Secretary

Lieutenant Governor FY27 Requested Changes

REVISED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR -OPERATIONS (STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND)

CURRENT ACT FY26				FY27 Requested Line Item Max	\$ Difference	% Change
1	CHIEF OF STAFF / LEGAL COUNSEL	1	\$104,500	\$129,000	\$24,500	23.44%
2	COMMUNICATIONS / POLICY DIRECTOR	1	\$77,000	\$102,000	\$25,000	32.47%
3	LT. GOV. SECURITY OFFICER	2	\$75,000	\$82,500	\$7,500	10.00%
4	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT / SCHEDULER	1	\$44,000	\$64,800	\$20,800	47.27%

MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES 5

CURRENT ACT FY26		FY27 Request	\$ Difference	% Change
1	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 379,600	\$ 460,800.00	\$81,200 21.39%
2	EXTRA HELP			
3	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	\$ 129,773	\$148,449	\$18,676 14.39%
4	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION			
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 52,304	52,304	\$0 0.00%
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	\$ 11,234	11,234	\$0 0.00%
	(C) PROF. FEES	\$ -		
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	\$ -		
	(E) DATA PROC.	\$ -		
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 572,911	\$ 672,787.00	\$99,876 17.43%

