

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1295

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
10 SERVICES, SUBSTITUTE EXPENSES, AND EXPENSE
11 ALLOWANCE OF THE TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATIVE
12 ASSISTANTS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS FOR THE BIENNIAL
13 PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE - TRIAL
19 COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS
20 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2003-2005
21 BIENNIUM.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS.

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27 There is hereby established for the Trial Court Administrative Assistants of
28 the Circuit Courts for the 2003-2005 biennium, the following maximum number
29 of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the provisions of
30 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code §§21-5-201 et
31 seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto. Provided, however,
32 that any position to which a specific maximum annual salary is set out herein
33 in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of said Uniform
34 Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying positions
35 authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the Regular
36 Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101), or its



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Item	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Years	
			2003-2004	2004-2005
(1)	TRIAL COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT II	1	GRADE 17	
(2)	TRIAL COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT I	<u>115</u>	GRADE 16	
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	116		

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the State Administration of Justice Fund, for personal services, Trial Court Staff Substitutes expenses, and Trial Court Administrative Assistant expenses by the Trial Court Administrative Assistants of the Circuit Courts for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

ITEM NO.		FISCAL YEARS	
		2003-2004	2004-2005
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 3,382,932	\$ 3,382,932
(02)	PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	949,858	949,858
(03)	TRIAL COURT STAFF SUBSTITUTES	125,000	125,000
(04)	TRIAL COURT ASSISTANT EXPENSES	<u>225,000</u>	<u>225,000</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 4,682,790</u>	<u>\$ 4,682,790</u>

SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRIAL COURT STAFF - ENTRY LEVEL SALARY. The entry level salary of a trial court staff person shall be equal to that established in the state pay plan at grade 16. No trial court staff person authorized by this Act shall receive a salary from the state in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000); provided, however, that beginning July 1, 1997, those persons who have reached the maximum salary limit may receive such increases in salary as are available for other State employees in positions which have its salary established by the provisions of Arkansas Code 21-5-201 et seq. ("Uniform Classification and Compensation Act"). A county or counties shall be

1 authorized to supplement the base salary of any trial court staff person,
 2 when approved by the quorum court. The provisions of this section shall be
 3 in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1, 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30,
 4 2005.

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 6 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
 7 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
 8 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
 9 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
 10 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 11 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 12 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 13 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 14 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 16 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
 17 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
 18 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
 19 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
 20 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
 21 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
 22 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
 23 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 25 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 26 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 27 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
 28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of
 29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
 30 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
 31 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the
 32 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
 33 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
 34 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
 35 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.