

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
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As Engrossed: H2/20/03

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1295

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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1 successor.

Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate	
			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		

11 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. There is
 12 hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the State
 13 Administration of Justice Fund, for personal services, Trial Court Staff
 14 Substitutes expenses, and Trial Court Administrative Assistant expenses by
 15 the Trial Court Administrative Assistants of the Circuit Courts for the
 16 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>

26 SECTION 3. *Arkansas Code 16-10-133 (c) concerning Trial Court Staff entry*
 27 *level salary and salary increases is amended to read as follows:*

28 *(c) The entry level salary of a trial court staff person shall be equal to*
 29 *that established in the state pay plan at grade 16. ~~No trial court staff~~*
 30 *person authorized by this section shall receive a salary from the state in*
 31 *excess of twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000); provided, however, that*
 32 *beginning July 1, 1997, those persons who have reached the maximum salary*
 33 *limit may receive such increases in salary as are recommended for other state*
 34 *employees in the personnel pay plan adopted by the General Assembly.*

36 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized

1 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
 2 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
 3 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
 4 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 5 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 6 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 7 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 8 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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

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 31 /s/ Joint Budget Committee
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