

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1099

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE STATE BOARD OF
11 ELECTION COMMISSIONERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
12 JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION
16 COMMISSIONERS APPROPRIATION FOR THE
17 2025-2026 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 State Board of Election Commissioners for the 2025-2026 fiscal year,
25 the following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
31	(1) N131N	SBEC DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
32	(2) G047C	ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
33	(3) G314C	ELECTION ADMIN SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS11
34	(4) G073C	ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS10
35	(5) A116C	BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
36	(6) G119C	SBEC EDUCATIONAL SERVICES MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08



1	(7) C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS06
2	(8) G162C SBEC ELECTION COORDINATOR	<u>2</u>	GRADE GS06
3	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	9	

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 5 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the State Board
 6 of Election Commissioners for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
 7 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 8 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: twenty (20)
 9 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
 10 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 11 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.
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13 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 14 to the State Board of Election Commissioners, to be payable from the
 15 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating
 16 expenses of the State Board of Election Commissioners for the fiscal year
 17 ending June 30, 2026, the following:
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19	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
21	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$603,967
22	(02) EXTRA HELP	100,000
23	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	221,840
24	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	167,810
26	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
27	(C) PROF. FEES	5,000
28	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
29	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,103,617</u></u>

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 32 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ELECTION EXPENSES. There is hereby
 33 appropriated, to the State Board of Election Commissioners, to be payable
 34 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for covering the costs of
 35 election expenses of the State Board of Election Commissioners for the fiscal
 36 year ending June 30, 2026, the sum of.....\$6,340,000.

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SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION. There is hereby appropriated, to the State Board of Election Commissioners, to be payable from the Nonpartisan Filing Fee Fund, for covering the costs of election expenses of the State Board of Election Commissioners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the sum of.....\$1,600,000.

SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

CARRY FORWARD – ELECTION EXPENSES. At the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026, any unexpended balance of monies provided for Election Expenses, shall be transferred forward and made available for the same purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

Any carry forward of unexpended balance of funding as authorized herein, may be carried forward under the following conditions:

(1) Prior to June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026 the Agency shall by written statement set forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget shall report to the Arkansas Legislative Council all amounts carried forward by the September Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee meeting which report shall include the name of the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution and the amount of the funding carried forward, the program name or line item, the funding source of that appropriation and a copy of the written request set forth in (1) above;

(3) Each Agency, Board, Commission or Institution shall provide a written report to the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee containing all information set forth in item (2) above, along with a written statement as to the current status of the project, contract, purpose etc. for which the carry forward was originally requested no later than thirty (30) days prior to the time the Agency, Board, Commission or Institution presents its budget request to the Arkansas Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee; and

(4) Thereupon, the Department of Finance and Administration shall include all information obtained in item (3) above in the biennial budget manuals and/or a statement of non-compliance by the Agency, Board, Commission or

1 Institution.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~
 3 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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 5 SECTION 7. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
 7 TRANSFER. If funds are not available for the State Board of Election
 8 Commissioners to perform their duties, the Director of the State Board of
 9 Election Commissioners may from time to time certify to the Chief Fiscal
 10 Officer of the State the amount of funds needed and the Chief Fiscal Officer
 11 of the State shall transfer the certified amount from the Nonpartisan Filing
 12 Fee Fund to the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund for use by the State Board of
 13 Election Commissioners.

14 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
 15 ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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 17 SECTION 8. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 18 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 19 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 20 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 21 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 22 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 23 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 24 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 25 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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 27 SECTION 9. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 28 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 29 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 30 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 31 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 32 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 33 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 34 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 36 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

1 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
2 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
3 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
4 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
5 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
6 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
7 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
8 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
9 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
10 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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