

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2025
4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 346

5 By: Senate Efficiency
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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 ARKANSAS SENATE FOR
11 THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
17 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 - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby
24 established for the Arkansas Senate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the
25 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	Fiscal Year
			2025-2026
31 (1)	DIRECTOR OF SENATE/SEC OF SENATE	1	GRADE SE05
32 (2)	CHIEF COUNSEL/PARLIAMENTARIAN	1	GRADE SE03
33 (3)	DEPUTY DIRECTOR/ASST SEC OF SENATE	1	GRADE SE03
34 (4)	PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE SE01
35 (5)	FISCAL OFFICER/HUMAN RESOURCES	1	GRADE GS13
36 (6)	DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES/SESSION	1	GRADE GS13



1	(7)	CONSTITUENT ADVISOR	2	GRADE GS11
2	(8)	PRODUCTION VIDEOGRAPHER	1	GRADE GS11
3	(9)	ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE	1	GRADE GS11
4	(10)	ASSISTANT INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE GS10
5	(11)	LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST	1	GRADE GS10
6	(12)	ADMIN ASST/RECEPTIONIST	2	GRADE GS10
7	(13)	PROPERTIES OFFICER/INVENTORY	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS10
8		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	15	

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10 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby authorized,
 11 for the Arkansas Senate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum
 12 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",
 13 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary
 14 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those
 15 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
 16 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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18 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby
 19 appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central
 20 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas
 21 Senate - Staff Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
 22 following:

24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
26	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,963,896
27	(02) EXTRA HELP	50,000
28	(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	587,183
29	(04) MAINT. & GEN OPERATION	<u>250,000</u>
30	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,851,079</u></u>

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32 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ORIENTATION. There is hereby appropriated,
 33 to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund,
 34 for expenses of the State Orientation including the payment of per diem and
 35 mileage of members of the Arkansas Senate who attend the Senate Orientation
 36 program held prior to the convening of a Legislative Session of the General

1 Assembly, the sum of.....\$15,000.

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3 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS
4 FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable
5 from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for the balance remaining on June 30,
6 2025 in the appropriations Section 3 of Act 1 of 2024, Sections 4 and 5 of
7 Act 32 of 2024, and SB1 as introduced in the 2025 Regular Session, there to
8 be used for any purpose to defray the necessary expenses of the Arkansas
9 Senate of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly, in a sum in the aggregate not to
10 exceed.....\$4,000,000.

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12 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - STATE CENTRAL SERVICES
13 FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable
14 from the State Central Services Fund, and payable from the balance remaining
15 on June 30, 2025 in the appropriations, Sections 3, 6, 7 and 8 of Act 32 of
16 2024 there to be used for any purpose to defray the necessary expenses of the
17 Arkansas Senate of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly, in a sum in the
18 aggregate not to exceed.....\$4,000,000.

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20 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COMPUTERIZATION. There is hereby
21 appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central
22 Services Fund, for expenses necessary in continuing the computerization of
23 the legislative process in the Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.

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25 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS. There is
26 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State
27 Central Services Fund, for construction, improvements, renovations and
28 equipping of the Arkansas Senate facilities and other purposes of the
29 Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.

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31 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
33 TRANSFERS. If the Senate Efficiency Committee and the Secretary of the
34 Senate, subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate, should determine that
35 any item or portion thereof appropriated herein for a specific purpose is not
36 needed for such purpose, the Secretary of the Senate may certify such fact to

1 the State Auditor and the State Auditor shall cause a transfer to be made
2 from one item to another.

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4 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SALARIES.
6 In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and
7 retained, the Senate may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than
8 twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-third (1/3) of the positions
9 authorized in their operation appropriation act, and may exceed the maximum
10 salary levels for the purpose of merit adjustments for all positions.

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

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

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31 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
32 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
33 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
34 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of
35 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
36 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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