

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2025  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 52

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 AUDITOR OF STATE -  
11 OPERATIONS AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM FOR THE  
12 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE -  
17 OPERATIONS AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM  
18 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL  
19 YEAR.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
26 for the Auditor of State for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum  
27 number of regular employees.  
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Item	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate Fiscal Year
No.			2025-2026
(1)	DEPUTY AUDITOR	1	\$165,160
(2)	ATTORNEY	1	\$138,585
(3)	CHIEF OF STAFF	1	\$126,675
(4)	INTERNAL AUDITOR/CPA	1	\$126,675



1	(5)	IT TECH	1	\$126,675
2	(6)	ASST CHIEF OF STAFF/ACCOUNTING DEPT MANAGER	1	\$91,175
3	(7)	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS	1	\$81,710
4	(8)	ACCOUNTING TECH III	3	\$81,710
5	(9)	DATA PROCESSING TECH II	1	\$81,710
6	(10)	COMMUNICATIONS TECH	1	\$81,710
7	(11)	DATA PROCESSING TECH I	1	\$65,630
8	(12)	OUTREACH MGR	1	\$65,630
9	(13)	OUTREACH TECH	1	\$65,630
10	(14)	ADMINISTRATIVE TECH I	1	\$65,630
11	(15)	ACCOUNTING TECH II	2	\$65,630
12	(16)	ACCOUNTING TECH I	<u>2</u>	\$47,255
13		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	20	

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15 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for  
 16 the Auditor of State for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum  
 17 number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help",  
 18 payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5) temporary  
 19 or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those  
 20 provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its  
 21 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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23 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,  
 24 to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund,  
 25 for personal services and operating expenses of the Auditor of State -  
 26 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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28	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
30	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,753,495
31	(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
32	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	626,000
33	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
34	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	615,450
35	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	33,000
36	(C) PROF. FEES	35,000

1	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
2	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$3,117,945</u></u>

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 5 SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM. There is  
 6 hereby established for the Auditor of State - Unclaimed Property Program for  
 7 the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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9		Maximum Annual
10		Salary Rate
11	Item	Fiscal Year
12	No. Title	2025-2026
13	(1) ASST. CHIEF OF STAFF/UCP OPERATIONS MANAGER	1 \$126,675
14	(2) UCP COMPLIANCE LEAD	1 \$91,175
15	(3) UCP CLAIMS LEAD	1 \$91,175
16	(4) SENIOR UCP TECH	2 \$73,230
17	(5) UCP TECH	<u>5</u> \$65,630
18	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	10

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 20 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - UNCLAIMED PROPERTY PROGRAM. There is hereby  
 21 appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the State Central  
 22 Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Auditor of  
 23 State - Unclaimed Property Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026,  
 24 the following:  
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26	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
27	NO.	2025-2026
28	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$783,635
29	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	302,000
30	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
31	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	713,000
32	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	30,000
33	(C) PROF. FEES	1,120,000
34	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	25,000
35	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
36	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,973,635</u></u>

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SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CLAIMS - CASH.  
 There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for operating expenses and the payment of claims of the Auditor of State - Unclaimed Property Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) OPERATING EXPENSES	\$2,500
(02) PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CLAIMS	<u>35,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$35,002,500</u></u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED MINERAL PROCEEDS - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for operating expenses and the payment of claims for abandoned mineral proceeds of the Auditor of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) OPERATING EXPENSES	\$500
(02) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS FOR ABANDONED MINERAL PROCEEDS	<u>2,500,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,500,500</u></u>

SECTION 8. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Auditor of State is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in Operations to any other line item authorized in Operations and the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in Unclaimed Property Program to any other line item authorized in Unclaimed Property Program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024

1 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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3 SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

5 POSITION REQUIREMENTS. The Internal Auditor shall hold and maintain an  
6 active certification as a Certified Internal Auditor, with the Institute of  
7 Internal Auditors, or a Certified Public Accountant license in good standing  
8 in the state of Arkansas.

9 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,  
10 ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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12 SECTION 10. 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 11. 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 12. 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

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

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