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SENATE BILL 55

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 ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
11 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
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 - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
24 for the Arkansas Supreme Court for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
25 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) Q009N	SUPREME COURT CLERK	1	GRADE SE03
32	(2) Q051C	NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE IT10
33	(3) Q263C	APPELLATE AUTOMATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE IT08
34	(4) Q106C	DATA POLICY MANAGER	1	GRADE IT08
35	(5) Q021C	APPELLATE REVIEW ATTORNEY II	2	GRADE GS14
36	(6) Q011C	CRIMINAL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS14



1	(7)	Q072C FISCAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS14
2	(8)	Q010C LIBRARY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
3	(9)	Q035C SUPREME COURT LAW CLERK	14	GRADE GS14
4	(10)	Q012C SUPREME COURT REPORTER	1	GRADE GS14
5	(11)	Q037C ASSISTANT CRIMINAL COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS12
6	(12)	Q036C CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE GS12
7	(13)	Q217C DEPUTY CRIMINAL COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS12
8	(14)	A014C FISCAL DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS12
9	(15)	Q083C COMMUNICATIONS COUNSEL	1	GRADE GS11
10	(16)	Q038C DEPUTY REPORTER	1	GRADE GS11
11	(17)	Q090C EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO CLERK	1	GRADE GS10
12	(18)	Q091C JUDICIAL CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIST	1	GRADE GS10
13	(19)	Q125C SUPREME COURT POLICE OFFICER	5	GRADE GS10
14	(20)	Q228C DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE GS09
15	(21)	Q108C FINANCIAL SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS09
16	(22)	Q116C JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	6	GRADE GS09
17	(23)	Q109C RECORDS SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS09
18	(24)	Q107C ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK	1	GRADE GS08
19	(25)	Q122C DATA RESEARCH ANALYST	1	GRADE GS08
20	(26)	Q192C PUBLIC SERVICE LIBRARIAN	1	GRADE GS08
21	(27)	Q124C LIBRARY TECHNICAL ASSISTANT	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS07
22		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	51	

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24 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for

25 the Arkansas Supreme Court for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following

26 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra

27 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: five (5)

28 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed

29 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its

30 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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32 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,

33 to the Arkansas Supreme Court, to be payable from the State Central Services

34 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Supreme

35 Court for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$4,665,830
(02) EXTRA HELP	30,000
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	1,477,956
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	417,765
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	55,000
(C) PROF. FEES	25,000
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	112,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) ARKANSAS REPORTS	229,477
(06) COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS	195,000
(07) COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES	20,000
(08) SPECIAL JUSTICES	5,500
(09) JUDICIAL EDUCATION	100,000
(10) RECORDS MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY	<u>300,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$7,633,528</u></u>

SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - SUPREME COURT BAR OF ARKANSAS. There is hereby established for the Arkansas Supreme Court - Bar of Arkansas for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	Q057N	SUPREME COURT DIRECTOR OF OPC	1	GRADE SE03
(2)	Q058N	SUPREME COURT DIRECTOR OF OPP	1	GRADE SE03
(3)	Q059N	SUPREME COURT DEP DIRECTOR OF OPC	1	GRADE GS15
(4)	Q268C	SUPREME COURT ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS14
(5)	Q269C	SUPREME COURT ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS13
(6)	Q200C	SUPREME COURT DIRECTOR OF AJC	1	GRADE GS13
(7)	Q201C	SUPREME COURT DIRECTOR OF JLAP	1	GRADE GS13
(8)	Q199C	SUPREME COURT SENIOR STAFF ATTY OPC	1	GRADE GS13
(9)	Q202C	SUPREME COURT STAFF ATTORNEY OPC	2	GRADE GS12

1	(10)	Q264C HELP DESK APPLICATION SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
2	(11)	Q204C SUPREME COURT DEPUTY DIRECTOR JLAP	1	GRADE GS11
3	(12)	Q207C SUPREME COURT LICENSING DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS11
4	(13)	Q229C SUPREME COURT PROGRAM COORD AJC	1	GRADE GS11
5	(14)	Q203C SUPREME COURT PROGRAM COORDINATOR OPP	2	GRADE GS11
6	(15)	Q270C SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASST/PARALEGAL	1	GRADE GS09
7	(16)	Q206C SUPREME COURT FINANCIAL SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS09
8	(17)	Q208C SUPREME COURT PARALEGAL OPC	1	GRADE GS09
9	(18)	Q211C SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT AJC	1	GRADE GS07
10	(19)	Q297C SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT OPC	1	GRADE GS07
11	(20)	Q210C SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASSISTANT OPP	2	GRADE GS07
12	(21)	Q230C SUPREME COURT ADMIN ASST JLAP	1	GRADE GS07
13	(22)	Q209C SUPREME COURT INVESTIGATOR OPC	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS07
14		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	25	

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

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24 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - SUPREME COURT BAR OF ARKANSAS. There is
 25 hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Supreme Court, to be payable from cash
 26 funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for personal services and
 27 operating expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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29	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
31	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,886,951
32	(02) EXTRA HELP	20,000
33	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	632,963
34	(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
35	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	750,000
36	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	181,700

1	(C) PROF. FEES	420,000
2	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	75,000
3	(E) DATA PROC.	0
4	(05) CONSTRUCTION	75,000
5	(06) REFUNDS/INVESTMENTS/TRANSFERS	<u>1,690,000</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$5,731,614</u></u>

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8 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds

9 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency

10 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

11 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and

12 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary

13 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal

14 controllaws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by

15 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be

16 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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18 SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General

19 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations

20 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for

21 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive

22 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

23 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

24 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative

25 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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27 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General

28 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

29 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

30 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of

31 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

32 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the

33 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm

34 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

35 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act

36 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health

1 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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