

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1037

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, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTION
16 COMMISSIONERS APPROPRIATION FOR THE
17 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027
31	(1) PBC03C	ELECTION COMMISSION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC08
32	(2) LAT04P	ATTORNEY II	2	GRADE SPC05
33	(3) PBC04A	ELECTION COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS08
34	(4) FFS02P	FISCAL SUPPORT COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS06
35	(5) PAS02P	ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS04
36	(6) CTR04P	TRAINING SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS08



1 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 9

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3 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the State Board
4 of Election Commissioners for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following
5 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
6 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: twenty (20)
7 temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed
8 those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its
9 successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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11 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
12 to the State Board of Election Commissioners, to be payable from the
13 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services and operating
14 expenses of the State Board of Election Commissioners for the fiscal year
15 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$603,967
20 (02) EXTRA HELP	100,000
21 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	221,840
22 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
23 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	167,810
24 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
25 (C) PROF. FEES	5,000
26 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
27 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
28 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,103,617</u></u>

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30 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ELECTION EXPENSES. There is hereby
31 appropriated, to the State Board of Election Commissioners, to be payable
32 from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for covering the costs of
33 election expenses of the State Board of Election Commissioners for the fiscal
34 year ending June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$6,340,000.

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36 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - NONPARTISAN GENERAL ELECTION. There is

1 hereby appropriated, to the State Board of Election Commissioners, to be
2 payable from the Nonpartisan Filing Fee Fund, for covering the costs of
3 election expenses of the State Board of Election Commissioners for the fiscal
4 year ending June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$1,600,000.
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6 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

8 CARRY FORWARD – ELECTION EXPENSES. At the close of the fiscal year ending
9 June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, any unexpended balance of monies provided for Election
10 Expenses, shall be transferred forward and made available for the same
11 purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, ~~2027~~ 2028.

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

14 (1) Prior to June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027 the Agency shall by written statement set
15 forth its reason(s) for the need to carry forward said funding to the
16 Department of Finance and Administration Office of Budget;

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

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

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

36 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~

1 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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

12 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1,
13 ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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

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

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34 SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
35 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
36 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

1 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
2 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
3 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
4 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
5 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
6 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
7 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
8 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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