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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 15

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
10 HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS AND TOURISM
11 DIVISIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
16 HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - STATE PARKS AND
17 TOURISM DIVISIONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE
18 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
25 Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism
26 Divisions for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of
27 regular employees.
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Item	Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2026-2027
33	(1)	EEX27A PARKS, HERITAGE, & TOURISM DIV. DIR	2	GRADE EXE01
34	(2)	EEX26A PARKS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SPC10
35	(3)	SEN02P ENGINEER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SPC06
36	(4)	SAS01I ARCHITECT	1	GRADE SPC03



1	(5)	SEN01P ENGINEER	1	GRADE SPC03
2	(6)	RMA03I CURATOR	4	GRADE SPC01
3	(7)	RPA08C PARK ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE SGS12
4	(8)	RPA09C PARK AREA MANAGER	5	GRADE SGS11
5	(9)	RPA13C PARK MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS11
6	(10)	RPA20C PARK SUPERINTENDENT IV	6	GRADE SGS10
7	(11)	EEP06P EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS10
8	(12)	FFS03C FISCAL SUPPORT MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS09
9	(13)	RPA04C LODGE MANAGER	3	GRADE SGS09
10	(14)	RPA19C PARK SUPERINTENDENT III	22	GRADE SGS09
11	(15)	RPA18C PARK SUPERINTENDENT II	38	GRADE SGS08
12	(16)	RPA25P ADPHT PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SGS08
13	(17)	TCO04P CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS08
14	(18)	RPA01C ASSISTANT LODGE MANAGER	3	GRADE SGS07
15	(19)	TFM02C FACILITY MANAGER	2	GRADE SGS07
16	(20)	FFS05P FISCAL SUPPORT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
17	(21)	CME03P GRAPHIC ARTIST	4	GRADE SGS07
18	(22)	TST02P LICENSED TRADESMAN	3	GRADE SGS07
19	(23)	RPA15P PARK PLANNER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07
20	(24)	CME06P PRODUCER	1	GRADE SGS07
21	(25)	PAS04C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE SGS06
22	(26)	RRE01C FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER	2	GRADE SGS06
23	(27)	RPA17C PARK SUPERINTENDENT I	13	GRADE SGS06
24	(28)	RTO02C WELCOME CENTER MANAGER	1	GRADE SGS06
25	(29)	ILP04I REAL ESTATE ANALYST	1	GRADE SGS06
26	(30)	RMA02P ARCHIVIST	1	GRADE SGS06
27	(31)	FGM04P GRANTS SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS06
28	(32)	TMA04P MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	13	GRADE SGS06
29	(33)	TAT06P MECHANIC	1	GRADE SGS06
30	(34)	RPA14P PARK PLANNER	6	GRADE SGS06
31	(35)	RPA24P ADPHT PROGRAM COORDINATOR	6	GRADE SGS06
32	(36)	TST04P SKILLED TRADESMAN	18	GRADE SGS06
33	(37)	TFS04C FOOD SERVICES SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	5	GRADE SGS05
34	(38)	TAT03I ENGINEERING SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
35	(39)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	13	GRADE SGS05
36	(40)	TFM03P FACILITY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	15	GRADE SGS05

1	(41)	RPA05P LODGE SALES COORDINATOR	8	GRADE SGS05
2	(42)	TMA01P MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR	11	GRADE SGS05
3	(43)	CMA01P MARKETING COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS05
4	(44)	RPA10P PARK COORDINATOR	6	GRADE SGS05
5	(45)	RPA21P PARK SUPERINTENDENT TRAINEE	3	GRADE SGS05
6	(46)	RPA23P ADPHT INTERPRETER II	42	GRADE SGS05
7	(47)	TAT05I HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	3	GRADE SGS04
8	(48)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	52	GRADE SGS04
9	(49)	TFM01P FACILITY COORDINATOR	28	GRADE SGS04
10	(50)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	9	GRADE SGS04
11	(51)	HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS04
12	(52)	IIN01P INSPECTOR I	3	GRADE SGS04
13	(53)	TMA03P MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST	42	GRADE SGS04
14	(54)	TAT08P PRINTER	1	GRADE SGS04
15	(55)	RRE02P RESTAURANT SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	6	GRADE SGS04
16	(56)	TST07P TRADES SPECIALIST	2	GRADE SGS04
17	(57)	RTO03P WELCOME CENTER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	14	GRADE SGS04
18	(58)	TFS05P KITCHEN SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS03
19	(59)	RPA06P LODGE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	2	GRADE SGS03
20	(60)	TMA05P MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	88	GRADE SGS03
21	(61)	RPA12P PARK HOUSEKEEPER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	13	GRADE SGS03
22	(62)	SSE01P SECURITY GUARD	1	GRADE SGS03
23	(63)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	10	GRADE SGS02
24	(64)	TGR01P LANDSCAPE COORDINATOR	12	GRADE SGS02
25	(65)	RMA11P MUSEUM SPECIALIST	6	GRADE SGS02
26	(66)	RPA11P PARK HOUSEKEEPER	18	GRADE SGS02
27	(67)	RPA16P PARK SPECIALIST	33	GRADE SGS02
28	(68)	RTO01P TRAVEL CONSULTANT	32	GRADE SGS02
29	(69)	TFS01P COOK	22	GRADE SGS01
30	(70)	RRE03P SERVER	12	GRADE SGS01
31	(71)	SPL01C PARK LIEUTENANT COLONEL	1	GRADE LES07
32	(72)	SPL02C PARK MAJOR	1	GRADE LES06
33	(73)	SPL04C PARK SERGEANT	5	GRADE LES04
34	(74)	SPL03P PARK RANGER	30	GRADE LES03
35	(75)	TCO01P CONSTRUCTION COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS07
36	(76)	TST05P SKILLED TRADESMAN SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS07

1 (77) CME04P MEDIA SPECIALIST 1 GRADE SGS05
 2 MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES 732

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SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: eight hundred seven (807) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the Parks and Tourism Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - State Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$12,569,422
(02) EXTRA HELP	2,500
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	5,483,877
(04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	0
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(05) TOURISM/MUSEUM GRANTS	30,000
(06) CONFERENCE-DAC	<u>100</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$18,085,899</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - RETIREMENT AND RELOCATION PROMOTION PROGRAM.

1 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and
 2 Tourism, to be payable from the Tourism Development Trust Fund, for operating
 3 and advertising expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism -
 4 State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Retirement and Relocation Promotion
 5 Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$60,000
11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
12 (C) PROF. FEES	10,000
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14 (E) DATA PROC.	0
15 (02) ADVERTISING EXPENSE	<u>898,619</u>
16 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$968,619</u></u>

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 18 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CONSERVATION TAX OPERATIONS. There is
 19 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be
 20 payable from the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism Fund Account,
 21 from proceeds derived from the Conservation Tax levied by Amendment 75 of the
 22 Constitution of the State of Arkansas, for personal services and operating
 23 expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and
 24 Tourism Divisions - Conservation Tax Operations for the fiscal year ending
 25 June 30, 2027, the following:

27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$7,707,277
30 (02) EXTRA HELP	2,134,077
31 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	3,359,215
32 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
33 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	16,394,284
34 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
35 (C) PROF. FEES	613,894
36 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	3,500,000

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(05) CONSTRUCTION	45,874,272
3	(06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	<u>4,000,000</u>
4	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$83,583,019</u></u>

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 6 SECTION 6. REGULAR SALARIES - KEEP ARKANSAS BEAUTIFUL - CONSERVATION
 7 TAX OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Parks,
 8 Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Keep Arkansas
 9 Beautiful - Conservation Tax Operations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 10 following maximum number of regular employees.

11				Maximum Annual
12				Salary Rate
13				Fiscal Year
14	Item	Class	Maximum	
15	No.	Code Title	No. of	2026-2027
			Employees	
16	(1)	RPA25P ADPHT PROGRAM SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	1	GRADE SGS08
17	(2)	RPA24P ADPHT PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS06
18	(3)	TMA05P MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN	<u>1</u>	GRADE SGS03
19		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	3	

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 21 SECTION 7. EXTRA HELP - KEEP ARKANSAS BEAUTIFUL - CONSERVATION TAX
 22 OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Parks,
 23 Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Keep Arkansas
 24 Beautiful - Conservation Tax Operations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 25 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 26 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one
 27 (1) temporary or part-time employee, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 28 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 29 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 31 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - KEEP ARKANSAS BEAUTIFUL - CONSERVATION TAX
 32 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks,
 33 Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Fund
 34 Account, from proceeds derived from the Conservation Tax levied by Amendment
 35 75 of the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, for personal services and
 36 operating expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State

1 Parks and Tourism Divisions - Keep Arkansas Beautiful - Conservation Tax
 2 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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4 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
5 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
6 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$138,924
7 (02) EXTRA HELP	6,000
8 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	55,401
9 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
10 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	88,937
11 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
12 (C) PROF. FEES	125,000
13 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
14 (E) DATA PROC.	0
15 (05) KAB GRANTS	40,000
16 (06) ADVERTISING EXPENSE	<u>600,000</u>
17 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,059,262</u></u>

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19 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - MUSEUM OF NATURAL RESOURCES - SPECIAL
 20 REVENUE FUND OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of
 21 Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the Arkansas Museum of
 22 Natural Resources Fund, for personal services of the Department of Parks,
 23 Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Museum of Natural
 24 Resources - Special Revenue Fund Operations for the fiscal year ending June
 25 30, 2027, the following:

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27 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$76,932
30 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>33,736</u>
31 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$110,668</u></u>

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33 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - TOURISM PROMOTION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
 34 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks,
 35 Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the Tourism Development Trust Fund,
 36 for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Parks,

1 Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - Tourism Promotion
 2 - Special Revenue Fund Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
 3 the following:

5 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
6 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
7 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$283,677
8 (02) EXTRA HELP	27,502
9 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	123,625
10 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
11 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	3,222,977
12 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	41,570
13 (C) PROF. FEES	2,246,280
14 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	125,000
15 (E) DATA PROC.	0
16 (05) TOURIST PROMOTION	2,922,000
17 (06) ADVERTISING EXPENSE	24,260,050
18 (07) SMALL FESTIVAL EXPENSES, ADVERTISING	
19 & GRANTS	<u>150,000</u>
20 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$33,402,681</u>

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 22 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS PROGRAM. There
 23 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to
 24 be payable from the Parks and Tourism Outdoor Recreation Grants Fund, for
 25 personal services, operating expenses, and outdoor recreation grants of the
 26 Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism
 27 Divisions - Outdoor Recreation Grants Program for the fiscal year ending June
 28 30, 2027, the following:

30 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
31 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
32 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$166,707
33 (02) EXTRA HELP	25,210
34 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	72,789
35 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	37,020

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	5,000
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
4	(E) DATA PROC.	0
5	(05) OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS	<u>9,716,374</u>
6	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$10,023,100</u></u>

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8 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - SCORP PROGRAM - FEDERAL FUND OPERATIONS.

9 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and
10 Tourism, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief
11 Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses and outdoor recreation
12 grants of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and
13 Tourism Divisions - Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan for the
14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

16	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
17	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
18	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
19	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$34,232
20	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	6,100
21	(C) PROF. FEES	100,000
22	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
23	(E) DATA PROC.	0
24	(02) OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANTS	<u>8,308,402</u>
25	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$8,448,734</u></u>

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27 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - PARKS - CASH FUND OPERATIONS. There is
28 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be
29 payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by
30 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating
31 expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and
32 Tourism Divisions - Parks - Cash Fund Operations for the fiscal year ending
33 June 30, 2027, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>

1	(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$9,769,812
2	(02)	EXTRA HELP	6,565,923
3	(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,520,499
4	(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
5		(A) OPER. EXPENSE	11,566,526
6		(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	34,000
7		(C) PROF. FEES	2,000,000
8		(D) CAP. OUTLAY	500,000
9		(E) DATA PROC.	0
10	(05)	CONSTRUCTION	500,000
11	(06)	RESALE (COGS)	5,564,961
12	(07)	DEBT SERVICE	0
13	(08)	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	<u>486,177</u>
14		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$41,507,898</u></u>

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 16 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM. There is hereby
 17 appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be
 18 payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services,
 19 operating expenses, major maintenance, renovation of facilities and
 20 scoreboards, and repairs of War Memorial Stadium of the Department of Parks,
 21 Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions for the fiscal year
 22 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

24	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR	
25	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>	
26	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$304,119	
27	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	118,893	
28	(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
29		(A) OPER. EXPENSE	12,198
30		(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
31		(C) PROF. FEES	0
32		(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
33		(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
34		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$435,210</u></u>

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 36 SECTION 15. EXTRA HELP - WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM - CASH FUND OPERATIONS.

1 There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Parks, Heritage, and
 2 Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - War Memorial Stadium - Cash
 3 Fund Operations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number
 4 of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable
 5 from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: one hundred forty-four
 6 (144) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to
 7 exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or
 8 its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

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 10 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM - CASH FUND
 11 OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks,
 12 Heritage, and Tourism, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the
 13 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 14 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Parks,
 15 Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism Divisions - War Memorial
 16 Stadium - Cash Fund Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 17 following:

19 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
20 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
21 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$82,348
22 (02) EXTRA HELP	144,000
23 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	47,715
24 (04) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
25 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	921,088
26 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
27 (C) PROF. FEES	0
28 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
29 (E) DATA PROC.	0
30 (05) RESALE (COGS)	213,000
31 (06) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>100,000</u>
32 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$1,508,151</u></u>

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 34 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - DELTA HERITAGE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.
 35 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and
 36 Tourism, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as

1 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for operating expenses
 2 of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State Parks and Tourism
 3 Divisions - Delta Heritage Trail Construction Program for the fiscal year
 4 ending June 30, 2027, the following:

6 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
7 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
8 (01) CONSTRUCTION	<u>\$37,880,862</u>

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 10 SECTION 18. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE PRODUCERS COUNCIL. There is
 11 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be
 12 payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for miscellaneous
 13 grants and expenses of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism - State
 14 Parks and Tourism Divisions - Arkansas Wine Producers Council for the fiscal
 15 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19 (01) ARKANSAS WINE PRODUCERS COUNCIL	<u>\$5,000</u>

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 21 SECTION 19. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WINE TOURISM FACILITY. There is
 22 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, to be
 23 payable from the Tourism Development Trust Fund, for land acquisition,
 24 construction, lease, equipment acquisition, improvements, renovation, major
 25 maintenance, personal services, maintenance and operating expenses associated
 26 with the wine tourism facility in Franklin County, Arkansas for the fiscal
 27 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
31 (01) ARKANSAS WINE TOURISM FACILITY	
32 EXPENSES	<u>\$1,250,000</u>

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 34 SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
 35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SPECIAL
 36 MAINTENANCE. The funds appropriated in the Conservation Tax Operations

1 appropriation section of this act for the Division of Arkansas State Parks
2 Special Maintenance shall be expended, after receiving prior approval by the
3 Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, for a special
4 maintenance program for the Park System. The funds provided will be used for
5 repair and upkeep of parks and museum facilities that have been deferred due
6 to lack of funds in the individual budgets of the parks and museums.

7 Determining the maximum number of employees and the maximum amount of
8 appropriation and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year
9 is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This is usually accomplished by
10 delineating such maximums in the appropriation act(s) for a state agency and
11 the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by
12 amendment to the Revenue Stabilization law. Further, the General Assembly
13 has determined that the Division of Arkansas State Parks may operate more
14 efficiently if some flexibility is provided to the Department of Parks,
15 Heritage, and Tourism authorizing broad powers under this section. Therefore,
16 it is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly maintain
17 oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative Council or Joint
18 Budget Committee as provided by this section. The requirement of approval by
19 the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is not a severable part of
20 this section or the Special Maintenance line item. If the requirement of
21 approval by the Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee is ruled
22 unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, this entire section
23 and the Special Maintenance line item in the Conservation Tax Operations
24 appropriation section is void.

25 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
26 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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28 SECTION 21. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
29 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. CASH
30 PRIZES - STATE PARKS. The Division of Arkansas State Parks is hereby
31 authorized to award merchandise, gift certificates, and cash prizes to
32 contestants in various special events authorized by the Division Director of
33 the Division of Arkansas State Parks. Such prizes may be awarded to the 1st,
34 2nd, and 3rd prize winners and shall be payable from the maintenance and
35 operation line item of the Parks - Cash Fund Operations appropriation
36 section. The cash prizes, in aggregate, for all contests, shall not exceed

1 \$10,000 per fiscal year.

2 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
3 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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5 SECTION 22. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
7 MISSISSIPPI RIVER DOMESTIC - INTERNATIONAL MARKETING PLAN. Of the funds
8 appropriated to the Division of Arkansas Tourism - Great River Road for
9 operating expenses in the State Operations appropriation section of this act,
10 up to \$15,000 each year is authorized to be utilized for the implementation
11 of the Mississippi River Domestic - International Marketing Plan.

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

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15 SECTION 23. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SMALL
17 FESTIVAL FUNDING. The General Assembly acknowledges the economic benefits of
18 festivals which attract visitors and stimulate the growth of tourism and
19 businesses statewide.

20 Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rules and regulations
21 promulgated by the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism to the
22 contrary, the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism shall dedicate,
23 commit, and budget annually one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000)
24 from the 2% tourism tax credited to the Tourism Development Trust Fund for
25 expense, advertising, marketing, or grants for small festivals in Arkansas
26 communities of less than 10,500 people. Any funds not granted out in a
27 fiscal year shall be available for other tourism promotion efforts.

28 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
29 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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31 SECTION 24. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
32 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. EXTRA
33 HELP. The Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism may utilize their
34 authorized extra-help positions and contract labor event staff up to a
35 maximum of one thousand eight hundred (1,800) hours during seasonal events at
36 War Memorial Stadium. The rates of pay may not exceed those provided in the

1 Uniform Classification Act, or its successor, for the appropriate
2 classification.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
4 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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6 SECTION 25. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
8 PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS. The Division of Arkansas State Parks
9 and Tourism is hereby authorized to purchase from Maintenance and General
10 Operations appropriations provided by this Act, up to an amount not to exceed
11 \$75,000 each fiscal year, promotional and educational merchandise, authorized
12 by the Secretary of the Department of Arkansas Parks, Heritage, and Tourism,
13 to inform the public of the Division's programs, to promote the functions of
14 the Division, and to inform the public regarding services provided by the
15 Division.

16 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
17 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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19 SECTION 26. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
20 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
21 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
22 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
23 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
24 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
25 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
26 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
27 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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2 SECTION 28. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
3 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
4 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
5 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
6 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
7 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
8 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
9 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
10 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
11 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
12 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.
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