

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 29

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 OFFICE OF THE
11 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE
12 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT
16 GOVERNOR APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027
17 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 Office of the Lieutenant Governor for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
25 following maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual
			Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	CHIEF OF STAFF/LEGAL COUNSEL	1	\$104,500
(2)	COMMUNICATIONS/POLICY DIRECTOR	1	\$77,000
(3)	LT. GOV. SECURITY OFFICER	2	\$75,000
(4)	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/SCHEDULER	<u>1</u>	\$44,000
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	5	



1 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 2 to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, to be payable from the State
 3 Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the
 4 Office of the Lieutenant Governor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027,
 5 the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$379,600
10 (02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	129,773
11 (03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
12 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	52,304
13 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	11,234
14 (C) PROF. FEES	0
15 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
16 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
17 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$572,911</u></u>

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 19 SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
3 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
4 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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