

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Fiscal Session, 2026  
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As Engrossed: S4/15/26

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 53

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 DEPUTY PROSECUTING  
11 ATTORNEYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027;  
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE - DEPUTY  
16 PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS APPROPRIATION FOR  
17 THE 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 - DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS. There is  
24 hereby established for Auditor of State - Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys for  
25 the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the 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
31 (1)	SENIOR DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTY II	9	GRADE SPC10
32 (2)	SENIOR DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTY I	23	GRADE SPC09
33 (3)	DEP PROS ATTY ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	30	GRADE SPC08
34 (4)	DEP PROS ATTY ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	39	GRADE SPC07
35 (5)	DEP PROS ATTY ATTORNEY	104	GRADE SPC05
36 (6)	DEP PROS ATTY ATTORNEY PT III	16	GRADE SPC05



1	(7)	DEP PROS ATTY ATTORNEY PT II	14	GRADE SPC04
2	(8)	DEP PROS ATTY ATTORNEY PT I	<u>54</u>	GRADE SPC03
3		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	289	

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5 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS. There is  
6 hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the State  
7 Central Services Fund, for personal services and Special Deputy Expense  
8 Allowance of the Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys for the fiscal year ending June  
9 30, 2027, the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
13	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$24,408,568
14	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	8,488,415
15	(03) SPECIAL DEPUTY EXPENSE ALLOWANCE	5,170
16	(04) LICENSURE EXPENSES	<u>61,500</u>
17	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$32,963,653</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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SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

*/s/Joint Budget Committee*