

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026
4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 56

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

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR MAINTAINING AND
10 OPERATING A CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE
11 COUNTY CLERKS, CIRCUIT CLERKS, COUNTY TREASURERS,
12 COUNTY COLLECTORS AND COUNTY CORONERS FOR THE FISCAL
13 YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE AUDITOR OF STATE -
16 CONTINUING EDUCATION OF LOCAL OFFICIALS
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
18 YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION - COUNTY CLERKS. There
26 is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the
27 County and Circuit Clerks Continuing Education Fund, for the County Clerks'
28 Continuing Education Board in carrying out the responsibilities for
29 maintaining and operating a continuing education program and certification
30 program for county clerks by the County Clerks' Continuing Education Board
31 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:
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33 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
35 (01) EXPENSES FOR COUNTY CLERKS CONTINUING	
36 EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM	<u>\$75,000</u>



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SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION - CIRCUIT CLERKS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the County and Circuit Clerks Continuing Education Fund, for the Circuit Clerks' Continuing Education Board in carrying out the responsibilities for maintaining and operating a continuing education program and certification program for circuit clerks by the Circuit Clerks' Continuing Education Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) EXPENSES FOR CIRCUIT CLERKS CONTINUING EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM	<u>75,000</u>

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION - COUNTY TREASURERS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the County Treasurer's Continuing Education Fund, for the County Treasurer's Continuing Education Board in carrying out the responsibilities for maintaining and operating a continuing education program for county treasurers by the County Treasurer's Continuing Education Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM	<u>\$75,000</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION - COUNTY COLLECTORS.

There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the County Collector's Continuing Education Trust Fund, for the County Collector's Continuing Education Board in carrying out the responsibilities for maintaining and operating a continuing education program and certification program for county collectors by the County Collector's Continuing Education Board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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2 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
3 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
4 (01) MAINTENANCE & OPERATION OF CONTINUING	
5 EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION PROGRAM	<u>\$75,000</u>

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7 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CONTINUING EDUCATION - COUNTY CORONERS.

8 There is hereby appropriated, to the Auditor of State, to be payable from the
 9 County Coroners Continuing Education Fund, for carrying out the
 10 responsibilities and maintaining and operating a continuing education program
 11 and certification program for county coroners by the Arkansas Commission on
 12 Law Enforcement Standards and Training for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 13 2027, the following:

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15 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
16 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
17 (01) EXPENSES FOR COUNTY CORONERS	
18 CONTINUING EDUCATION AND	
19 CERTIFICATION PROGRAM	<u>\$125,000</u>

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21 SECTION 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 22 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 23 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 24 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 25 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 26 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 27 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 28 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 29 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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31 SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 32 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 33 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 34 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 35 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 36 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

1 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
2 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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