



ARKANSAS INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMISSION

October 12, 2026

The Honorable Bart Hester
President Pro Tempore
Arkansas Senate
State Capitol, Suite 320
500 Woodlane Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

The Honorable Brian S. Evans
Speaker of the House
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Suite 350
500 Woodlane Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear President Hester and Speaker Evans,

I am writing on behalf of the Arkansas Independent Citizens Commission (AICC) to advise you that, in accordance with the requirements of the Arkansas Constitution, Article 19, § 31 (i)(3)(B), the AICC met on October 2, 2026. The AICC voted to recommend the amount to be paid for *per diem*, mileage, and expense reimbursements to the members of the Ninety-Sixth General Assembly of the Arkansas Legislature:

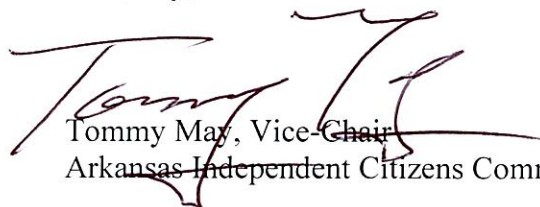
(1) The AICC recommends that the House and Senate follow the mileage reimbursement guidance published in the Department of Finance and Administration's Financial Management Guide for Arkansas state employees.

(2) The AICC further recommends that the House and Senate follow the expense reimbursement guidance published in the Department of Finance and Administration's Financial Management Guide for Arkansas state employees.

(3) Finally, the AICC recommends that the House and Senate follow the *Per Diem* guidance published in the Department of Finance and Administration's Financial Management Guide for Arkansas state employees, to the extent such guidance exists. If the Financial Management Guide does not provide adequate *Per Diem* guidance, the AICC alternatively recommends that the House and Senate follow the published guidance and recommendations of the United State General Services Administration (G.S.A.).

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Tommy May, Vice-Chair
Arkansas Independent Citizens Commission