Department 108 - Secretary of State
Senate Bill No. 2002

First Chamber Comparison to Base Level

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 First Chamber Version	$7,107,977	$12,033,075	$19,141,052
2023-25 Base Level	5,521,552	8,305,574	13,827,126
Increase (Decrease)	$1,586,425	$3,727,501	$5,313,926

First Chamber Changes

A summary of the first chamber's changes to the agency's base level appropriations and the executive budget is attached as an appendix.

Selected Bill Sections Included in the First Chamber Version

Strategic investment and improvements fund - Section 3 provides $1.5 million is from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) for a new campaign finance system, contracted website redesign, and information technology (IT) system enhancements.

Secretary of State's salary - Section 4 provides statutory changes to increase the Secretary of State's salary. The Secretary of State's annual salary would increase from the current level of $114,486 to $130,000 (13.6 percent), effective July 1, 2023, and to $135,200 (4 percent), effective July 1, 2024.

Line item transfers - Section 5 provides authority for the Secretary of State to transfer up to $100,000 between line items.

Continuing Appropriations

Athletic commission fund - North Dakota Century Code Section 53-01-09 - Appropriates any funding received by the Secretary of State for license fees for all boxers, kickboxers, mixed style fighters, promoters, managers, judges, timekeepers, cornerpersons, knockdown counters, matchmakers, and referees or other participants and fees based on the percentage of gross revenues from any boxing, kickboxing, mixed fighting style competition, or sparring exhibition held in this state to pay for the expenses of members of the Commission of Combative Sports.

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

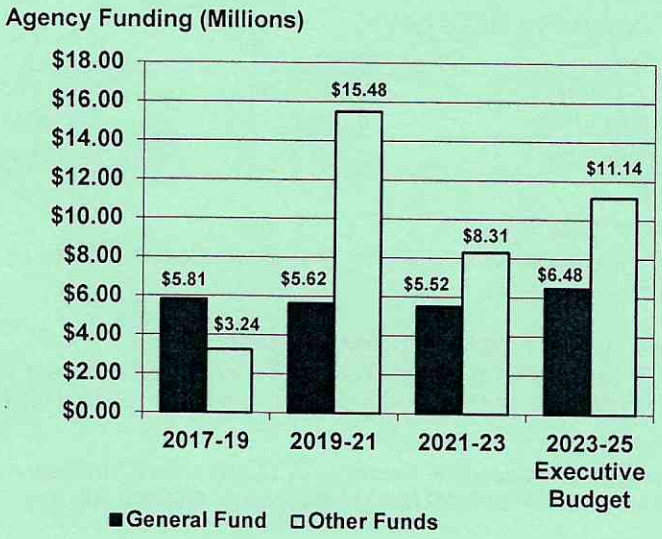
The State Auditor reported the Secretary of State did not appropriately reconcile revenue. There was a difference of $75,211 from revenue generated through various citizen fees through the Secretary of State's office IT systems when compared to ConnectND, the state's accounting system.

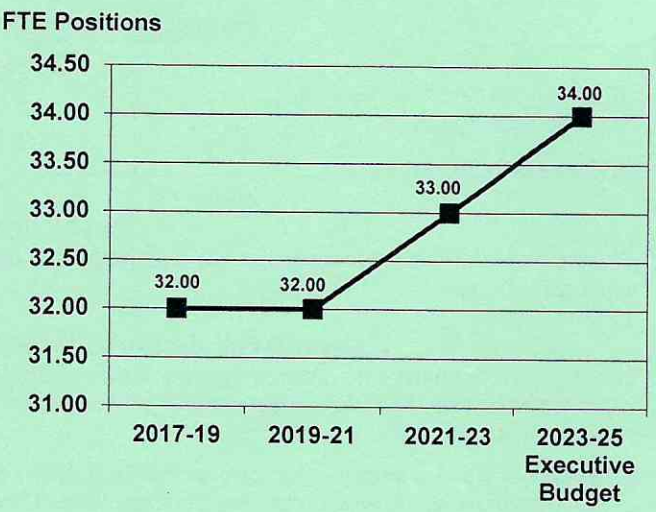
Major Related Legislation

There is no major related legislation affecting this agency.

Historical Appropriations Information

Agency Appropriations and FTE Positions





Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
Ongoing general fund appropriations	$6,374,720	$5,808,732	$5,623,063	$5,521,552	$6,478,402
Increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	($565,988)	($185,669)	($101,511)	$956,850
Percentage increase (decrease) from previous biennium	N/A	(8.9%)	(3.2%)	(1.8%)	17.3%
Cumulative percentage increase (decrease) from 2015-17 biennium	N/A	(8.9%)	(11.8%)	(13.4%)	1.6%

Major Increases (Decreases) in Ongoing General Fund Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

1. Removed 2 FTE positions and related funding	($211,268)
2. Adjusted funding source from the general fund to the general services operating fund for 1 FTE position	($106,823)
3. Adjusted funding for overtime and temporary salaries by reducing funding from the general fund and increasing special funds by $200,000	($50,000)
4. Adjusted funding for operating expenses by $81,856, including a decrease of $262,100 from the general fund and increasing $343,956 from the general services operating fund, of which $118,956 is for IT expenses	($262,100)
5. Added funding for campaign disclosure software	$50,000

2019-21 Biennium

1. Reduced funding for public printing to provide a total of $257,278	($31,172)
2. Adjusted funding for operating expenses by $293,671, including a decrease of $527,002 from the general fund and increasing $820,673 from the general services operating fund	($527,002)

2021-23 Biennium

Reduced funding for operating expenses	($251,834)

2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

1. Adds funding for changes in employee responsibilities and duties	$100,000
2. Adds funding to implement a new Capitol space rent model	$201,331
3. Adds funding for text messaging software and ongoing maintenance	$165,000

One-Time General Fund Appropriations

	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25 Executive Budget
One-time general fund appropriations	$3,050,000	$0	$0	$0	$0

Major One-Time General Fund Appropriations

2017-19 Biennium

None $0

2019-21 Biennium

None $0

2021-23 Biennium

None $0

2023-25 Biennium (Executive Budget Recommendation)

None $0

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Base Level Funding Changes

	Executive Budget Recommendation				Senate Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	33.00	$5,521,552	$8,305,574	$13,827,126	33.00	$5,521,552	$8,305,574	$13,827,126
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes								
Base payroll changes		$51,305	$208,745	$260,050		$51,305	$208,745	$260,050
Salary increase		315,342	52,592	367,934		236,186	39,392	275,578
Health insurance increase		123,456	20,576	144,032		126,296	21,050	147,346
Adds funding for elected official salary equity				0		26,748		26,748
Adjusts salaries and wages funding from special funds to the general fund				0		479,143	(479,143)	0
Adds 1 FTE election specialist position and related operating expenses	1.00		200,950	200,950	1.00		200,950	200,950
Adds funding for changes in employee responsibilities and duties		100,000		100,000		100,000		100,000
Adds funding to match federal Help America Vote Act funds				0		200,000		200,000
Adjusts funding for operating expenses, including an increase in IT expenses and a decrease in postage		(12,988)	1,157,564	1,144,576		(12,988)	1,157,564	1,144,576
Adjusts funding for election reform			(475,299)	(475,299)			(86,057)	(86,057)
Increases funding for public printing		13,404		13,404		13,404		13,404
Adds funding to implement a new Capitol space rent model		201,331		201,331		201,331		201,331
Adds funding for text messaging software and ongoing maintenance		165,000	165,000	330,000		165,000	165,000	330,000
Total ongoing funding changes	1.00	$956,850	$1,330,128	$2,286,978	1.00	$1,586,425	$1,227,501	$2,813,926
One-Time Funding Items								
Adds funding from SIIF for a new campaign finance system, contracted IT services, and a website redesign			$1,000,000	$1,000,000			$1,000,000	$1,000,000
Adds funding from SIIF for IT system enhancements			500,000	500,000			500,000	500,000
Adds funding from federal Help America Vote Act funds				0			1,000,000	1,000,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	$0	$1,500,000	$1,500,000	0.00	$0	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	1.00	$956,850	$2,830,128	$3,786,978	1.00	$1,586,425	$3,727,501	$5,313,926
2023-25 Total Funding	34.00	$6,478,402	$11,135,702	$17,614,104	34.00	$7,107,977	$12,033,075	$19,141,052
Federal funds included in other funds			*$4,245,109*				*$5,626,080*	
Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level	*3.0%*	*17.3%*	*16.0%*	*16.5%*	*3.0%*	*28.7%*	*14.8%*	*20.4%*
Total changes as a percentage of base level	*3.0%*	*17.3%*	*34.1%*	*27.4%*	*3.0%*	*28.7%*	*44.9%*	*38.4%*

Other Sections in Secretary of State - Budget No. 108

	Executive Budget Recommendation	Senate Version
Strategic investment and improvements fund		Section 3 provides $1.5 million is from SIIF for a new campaign finance system, contracted website redesign, and IT system enhancements.
Secretary of State's salary	Section 4 would provide statutory changes to increase the Secretary of State's salary. The Secretary of State's annual salary would increase from the current level of $114,486 to $121,355, effective July 1, 2023, and to $126,209, effective July 1, 2024, to reflect the 6 percent and 4 percent recommended salary increases.	Section 4 provides statutory changes to increase the Secretary of State's salary. The Secretary of State's annual salary would increase from the current level of $114,486 to $130,000 (13.6 percent), effective July 1, 2023, and to $135,200 (4 percent), effective July 1, 2024.
Line item transfers	Section 3 would provide authority for the Secretary of State to transfer funding between line items.	Section 5 provides authority for the Secretary of State to transfer up to $100,000 between line items.