

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 1002 - Summary of House Action

	Base Budget	House Changes	House Version
Secretary of State			
Total all funds	\$16,214,546	\$7,303,342	\$23,517,888
Less estimated income	9,344,171	4,732,898	14,077,069
General fund	<u>\$6,870,375</u>	<u>\$2,570,444</u>	<u>\$9,440,819</u>
FTE	35.00	(2.00)	33.00
Public Printing			
Total all funds	\$271,335	(\$271,335)	\$0
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	<u>\$271,335</u>	<u>(\$271,335)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bill total			
Total all funds	\$16,485,881	\$7,032,007	\$23,517,888
Less estimated income	9,344,171	4,732,898	14,077,069
General fund	<u>\$7,141,710</u>	<u>\$2,299,109</u>	<u>\$9,440,819</u>
FTE	35.00	(2.00)	33.00

House Bill No. 1002 - Secretary of State - House Action

	Base Budget	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$6,366,407	\$587,108	\$6,953,515
New and vacant FTE pool		148,177	148,177
Operating expenses	4,984,331	2,171,051	7,155,382
Grants	25,000		25,000
Petition review	8,000		8,000
Election reform	<u>4,830,808</u>	<u>4,397,006</u>	<u>9,227,814</u>
Total all funds	\$16,214,546	\$7,303,342	\$23,517,888
Less estimated income	9,344,171	4,732,898	14,077,069
General fund	<u>\$6,870,375</u>	<u>\$2,570,444</u>	<u>\$9,440,819</u>
FTE	35.00	(2.00)	33.00

Department 108 - Secretary of State - Detail of House Changes

	Adjusts Funding for Base Payroll Changes¹	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases²	Adds Funding to Replace 2023-25 New and Vacant FTE Pool³	Transfers Funding for 2025-27 New and Vacant FTE Pool⁴	Removes FTE Positions⁵	Adjusts Funding for Salaries and Wages⁶
Salaries and wages	\$253,721	\$399,786	\$530,295	(\$211,682)	(\$385,012)	
New and vacant FTE pool				148,177		
Operating expenses						
Grants						
Petition review						
Election reform	<u>(398,060)</u>					
Total all funds	(\$144,339)	\$399,786	\$530,295	(\$63,505)	(\$385,012)	\$0
Less estimated income	<u>(144,339)</u>	0	213,726	0	<u>(200,006)</u>	<u>(581,000)</u>
General fund	\$0	\$399,786	\$316,569	(\$63,505)	(\$185,006)	\$581,000
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(2.00)	0.00

	Restores Other Funds Salary Savings ⁷	Adds Funding for Information Technology Costs ⁸	Adds Funding to Match Federal Funds ⁹	Adds One- Time Funding for Election Reform ¹⁰	Adds One-Time Funding for IT Enhancements ¹¹	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages						\$587,108
New and vacant FTE pool						148,177
Operating expenses	\$218,545	\$1,252,506			\$700,000	2,171,051
Grants						
Petition review						
Election reform	614,707	80,000	200,000	3,900,359		4,397,006
Total all funds	\$833,252	\$1,332,506	\$200,000	\$3,900,359	\$700,000	\$7,303,342
Less estimated income	833,252	10,906	0	3,900,359	700,000	4,732,898
General fund	\$0	\$1,321,600	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,570,444
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(2.00)

¹ Funding is adjusted for base payroll changes.

² The following funding is added for 2025-27 biennium salary adjustments of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026, and increases in health insurance premiums from \$1,643 to \$1,893 per month:

General Fund	
Salary increase	\$231,638
Health insurance increase	168,148
Total	\$399,786

³ Funding is added to replace the 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE pool funding as follows:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Vacant FTE positions	\$136,569	\$22,776	\$159,345
New FTE positions	180,000	190,950	370,950
Total	\$316,569	\$213,726	\$530,295

⁴ Funding of \$211,682 is removed for estimated savings from vacant 2025-27 FTE positions and \$148,177 is added for a new and vacant FTE pool line item for an estimated savings of \$63,505.

⁵ Funding of \$385,012, including \$185,006 from the general fund and \$200,006 from federal funds, and 2 FTE positions are removed.

⁶ Funding of \$581,000 from the general fund is added for the salaries and wages of 3 FTE positions previously paid from other funds.

⁷ Other funds salary savings are restored to the operating expenses (\$218,545) and election reform (\$614,707) line items.

⁸ Funding is added for IT rate increases and to maintain and support IT systems.

⁹ Ongoing funding of \$200,000 from the general fund is added to match federal Help America Vote Act funds. This amount is in addition to \$200,000 of ongoing funding from the general fund appropriated by the 68th Legislative Assembly to match federal Help America Vote Act funds.

¹⁰ One-time funding is added for election reform as follows:

	Federal Funds	Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund	Total Other Funds
Election pollpad and cradle points replacement	\$0	\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000
Election security grant	100,359	0	100,359
Help America Vote Act	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
Total	\$1,100,359	\$2,800,000	\$3,900,359

¹¹ One-time funding of \$700,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) is added for IT enhancements, including to the central indexing system.

This amendment also:

- Adds a section to provide language regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.
- Adds a section to identify \$3.5 million from SIIF, including \$2.8 million for election pollpad and cradle points replacement and \$700,000 for IT enhancements.
- Adds a section to authorize the transfer of \$600,000 from the general fund, included in the agency's election reform line item, to the election fund.
- Adds a section to amend Section 54-09-05 to increase the salary of the Secretary of State from \$135,200 to \$139,256 (3 percent) effective July 1, 2025, and \$143,434 (3 percent) effective July 1, 2026.
- Adds a section to authorize the Secretary of State to continue unspent funds into the 2025-27 biennium from the \$6 million appropriated from the federal State Fiscal Recovery Fund during the 2023 legislative session for an election management system and to upgrade the FirstStop system.
- Adds a section to authorize the Secretary of State to continue unspent funds into the 2025-27 biennium from the \$1.5 million appropriated from SIIF during the 2023 legislative session for a new campaign system, contracted website redesign, and other IT enhancements.

House Bill No. 1002 - Public Printing - House Action

	Base Budget	House Changes	House Version
Public Printing	\$271,335	(\$271,335)	
Total all funds	\$271,335	(\$271,335)	\$0
Less estimated income	0	0	0
General fund	\$271,335	(\$271,335)	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

Department 109 - Public Printing - Detail of House Changes

	Removes Funding for Public Printing¹	Total House Changes
Public Printing	(\$271,335)	(\$271,335)
Total all funds	(\$271,335)	(\$271,335)
Less estimated income	0	0
General fund	(\$271,335)	(\$271,335)
FTE	0.00	0.00

¹ Public printing base budget funding of \$271,335 is removed from the Secretary of State.

This amendment also adds sections to provide for the transfer of public printing duties from the Secretary of State to the Legislative Council.