

**Secretary of State
Senate Bill No. 2002**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 executive budget (bills as introduced)	26.00	\$4,238,866	\$5,399,913	\$9,638,779
2003-05 legislative appropriations	27.00	4,142,844	9,880,363	14,023,207
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	1.00	(\$96,022)	\$4,480,450	\$4,384,428
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2001-03 appropriations	1.00	(\$275,146)	\$9,489,363	\$9,214,217

NOTE: The amounts on the schedule above include funding for public printing. The 2003-05 executive budget recommended and the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$336,000 from the general fund for public printing, \$172,000 less than the 2001-03 biennium general fund appropriation of \$508,000.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the Secretary of State is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in Senate Bill No. 2423, which allows agencies to provide salary increases of up to 1 percent on January 1, 2004, and up to 2 percent on January 1, 2005, to be funded in part from pooled savings accumulated from agency FTE position reductions.

	Major Items FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Removed funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee salary increases		(\$21,981)		(\$21,981)
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget for state employee health insurance premiums from \$493 to \$488.70 per month per policy		(2,683)		(2,683)
Reduced funding for information technology. The amount reduced represents a reduction in information technology funding of approximately 5 percent. (See Related Legislation section below)		(67,358)	(\$19,550)	(86,908)
Reduced funding for petition review from \$12,000 to \$8,000		(4,000)		(4,000)
Increased federal funding for election reform from \$5 million, included in the executive budget, to \$9.5 million	1.00		4,500,000	4,500,000
Total	1.00	(\$96,022)	\$4,480,450	\$4,384,428

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly added 1 FTE office assistant III position to assist with election reform activities. The position is authorized only for the period of time that federal funds are available to provide for the cost of the position.

Other Sections in Bill

Carryover - Section 2 allows the Secretary of State to continue up to \$105,000 of the Secretary of State's 2001-03 biennium general fund appropriation for the purpose of providing state matching funds for federal election reform funding during the 2003-05 biennium. The Secretary of State's 2001-03 biennium unspent general fund appropriation authority is anticipated to total \$55,000 after this adjustment and excluding unspent appropriation authority relating to public printing.

Election reform - Section 3 provides that the election reform line item is an emergency measure which allows the Secretary of State to begin spending funds for election reform prior to July 1, 2003.

Related Legislation

Special funds transfer - Section 2 of House Bill No. 1505 authorizes the Office of Management and Budget to transfer \$19,550 of special funds reduced from the Secretary of State's information technology budget to the Information Technology Department for funding a portion of the Information Technology Department's operating budget.