

**State Treasurer
Budget No. 120
Senate Bill No. 2005, House Bill No. 1014**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2007-09 executive budget (bills as introduced)	6.00	\$3,038,508	\$0	\$3,038,508
2007-09 legislative appropriations	7.00	3,093,470¹		3,093,470
Legislative increase (decrease) to executive budget	1.00	\$54,962	\$0	\$54,962
Legislative increase (decrease) to 2005-07 appropriations	1.00	\$748,923	\$0	\$748,923

¹This amount includes \$768,228 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$2,325,242.

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

Salaries and Wages

The legislative action affecting the recommended appropriation for the State Treasurer is in accordance with legislative salary and fringe benefits guidelines as contained in Senate Bill No. 2189.

	Major Items			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Reduced funding recommended in the executive budget relating to retiree health credit contributions		(\$722)		(\$722)
Added 1 FTE accounting position	1.00	120,684		120,684
Reduced funding for operating expenses (\$20,000) and in lieu of property tax payments (\$45,000)		(65,000)		(65,000)
Total	1.00	\$54,962	\$0	\$54,962

FTE Changes

The 2007-09 biennium appropriation includes funding for 7 FTE positions, an increase of 1 FTE position from the executive recommendation and the 2005-07 biennium authorized level of 6. The Legislative Assembly authorized 1 new FTE accounting position.

One-Time Funding

In Section 6 of Senate Bill No. 2005, the Legislative Assembly identified \$768,228 from the general fund for a rewrite of mainframe software programs relating to tax distributions as a one-time funding item. This amount is not to be considered part of the agency's base budget for preparing the 2009-11 executive budget and the State Treasurer is to report to the Appropriations Committees during the 2009 legislative session on the use of this funding.

Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2005

Salary of State Treasurer - Section 4 provides statutory changes to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-11-13 relating to the salary of the State Treasurer. The Legislative Assembly authorized 2007-09 biennium salary increases of 4 percent, effective July 1, 2007, and 4 percent, effective July 1, 2008, for elected officials. The State Treasurer's salary is to be increased from the current level of \$69,474 to \$72,253, effective July 1, 2007, and to \$75,143, effective July 1, 2008.

Future additional employee positions - Section 5 provides legislative intent that future Legislative Assemblies not approve any additional employee positions for the State Treasurer's office and that any future expansion of administrative duties or responsibilities relative to state treasury activities be assigned to the Office of Management and Budget.

Tax distribution system rewrite - The Legislative Assembly authorized \$768,228 from the general fund to rewrite mainframe software programs relating to tax distributions.

Payments to counties in lieu of property taxes - The Legislative Assembly reduced by \$45,000 the executive recommendation of \$1,410,000 from the general fund for payments to counties in lieu of property taxes on carbon dioxide pipeline property pursuant to NDCC Section 57-06-17.2. The 2007-09 biennium appropriation is \$1,365,000, or \$180,000 less than the 2005-07 appropriation of \$1,545,000.

Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1073 - This bill amends NDCC Section 57-06-17.2 relating to **payments to counties in lieu of property taxes** on carbon dioxide pipeline property. The bill provides that carbon dioxide pipeline property for which payments in lieu of taxes are required must be excluded from the valuation of property in the taxing district for purposes of determining the mill rate for the taxing district.

House Bill No. 1360 - This bill provides for the State Treasurer to invest the money in the **credit-sale contract indemnity fund**.