

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2002

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1358-1360 of the Senate Journal and pages 1534-1537 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2002 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, replace "an exemption" with "exemptions"

Page 1, line 2, remove the second "and"

Page 1, line 4, after "state" insert "; to provide for legislative management studies; and to declare an emergency"

Page 1, replace line 16 with:

|                     |             |             |              |
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| "Salaries and wages | \$3,753,869 | \$1,149,645 | \$4,903,514" |
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Page 1, replace lines 20 through 23 with:

|                       |                  |                    |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| "Election reform      | 5,143,115        | (2,439,580)        | 2,703,535        |
| Total all funds       | \$11,567,412     | \$1,780,932        | \$13,348,344     |
| Less estimated income | <u>5,844,417</u> | <u>(2,260,881)</u> | <u>3,583,536</u> |
| Total general fund    | \$5,722,995      | \$4,041,813        | \$9,764,808"     |

Page 2, replace lines 11 through 13 with:

|                           |                  |                    |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| "Grand total general fund | \$6,043,495      | \$4,041,813        | \$10,085,308     |
| Grand total special funds | <u>5,844,417</u> | <u>(2,260,881)</u> | <u>3,583,536</u> |
| Grand total all funds     | \$11,887,912     | \$1,780,932        | \$13,668,844"    |

Page 3, after line 3, insert:

**"SECTION 4. EXEMPTION.** The amounts appropriated to the secretary of state in subdivision 2 of section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2023, as approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly, are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from these appropriations are available for completing the central indexing computer project and the business process modeling services contract during the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017."

Page 3, after line 10, insert:

**"SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - USE OF SOFTWARE BY SECRETARY OF STATE.** During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of the secretary of state's office utilizing software which would allow employees of the office to monitor and report billable hours in order to improve efficiency and productivity within the secretary of state's office. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, along with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

**SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS.** During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of consolidating all political subdivision and

school district elections with the statewide primary election and the holding of all special elections on other specified dates during any year. If the legislative management conducts the study, the legislative management shall seek input and participation from the secretary of state; representatives of cities, counties, school districts, and other political subdivisions; and representatives of political parties. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

**SECTION 8. EMERGENCY.** Section 4 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:**

**Senate Bill No. 2002 - Summary of Conference Committee Action**

|                       | Base Budget  | Senate Version | Conference Committee Changes | Conference Committee Version | House Version | Comparison to House |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Secretary of State    |              |                |                              |                              |               |                     |
| Total all funds       | \$11,567,412 | \$13,523,297   | (\$174,953)                  | \$13,348,344                 | \$12,248,344  | \$1,100,000         |
| Less estimated income | 5,844,417    | 3,784,288      | (200,752)                    | 3,583,536                    | 3,484,177     | 99,359              |
| General fund          | \$5,722,995  | \$9,739,009    | \$25,799                     | \$9,764,808                  | \$8,764,167   | \$1,000,641         |
| Public Printing       |              |                |                              |                              |               |                     |
| Total all funds       | \$320,500    | \$320,500      | \$0                          | \$320,500                    | \$320,500     | \$0                 |
| Less estimated income | 0            | 0              | 0                            | 0                            | 0             | 0                   |
| General fund          | \$320,500    | \$320,500      | \$0                          | \$320,500                    | \$320,500     | \$0                 |
| Bill total            |              |                |                              |                              |               |                     |
| Total all funds       | \$11,887,912 | \$13,843,797   | (\$174,953)                  | \$13,668,844                 | \$12,568,844  | \$1,100,000         |
| Less estimated income | 5,844,417    | 3,784,288      | (200,752)                    | 3,583,536                    | 3,484,177     | 99,359              |
| General fund          | \$6,043,495  | \$10,059,509   | \$25,799                     | \$10,085,308                 | \$9,084,667   | \$1,000,641         |

**Senate Bill No. 2002 - Secretary of State - Conference Committee Action**

|                        | Base Budget  | Senate Version | Conference Committee Changes | Conference Committee Version | House Version | Comparison to House |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Salaries and wages     | \$3,753,869  | \$5,077,715    | (\$174,201)                  | \$4,903,514                  | \$4,777,873   | \$125,641           |
| Operating expenses     | 2,579,597    | 5,733,295      |                              | 5,733,295                    | 4,758,936     | 974,359             |
| Petition review        | 8,000        | 8,000          |                              | 8,000                        | 8,000         |                     |
| Election reform        | 5,143,115    | 2,704,287      | (752)                        | 2,703,535                    | 2,703,535     |                     |
| Accrued leave payments | 82,831       |                |                              |                              |               |                     |
| Total all funds        | \$11,567,412 | \$13,523,297   | (\$174,953)                  | \$13,348,344                 | \$12,248,344  | \$1,100,000         |
| Less estimated income  | 5,844,417    | 3,784,288      | (200,752)                    | 3,583,536                    | 3,484,177     | 99,359              |
| General fund           | \$5,722,995  | \$9,739,009    | \$25,799                     | \$9,764,808                  | \$8,764,167   | \$1,000,641         |
| FTE                    | 28.00        | 34.00          | 0.00                         | 34.00                        | 34.00         | 0.00                |

**Department No. 108 - Secretary of State - Detail of Conference Committee Changes**

|                    | Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Premium Increases <sup>1</sup> | Adjusts Funding for Overtime <sup>2</sup> | Total Conference Committee Changes |
|--------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Salaries and wages | (\$24,842)  | (\$149,359)                               | (\$174,201)                        |
| Operating expenses |   |   |                                    |
| Petition review    |   |   |                                    |
| Election reform    | (752)   |   | (752)                              |

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|------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Accrued leave payments |            |             |             |
| Total all funds        | (\$25,594) | (\$149,359) | (\$174,953) |
| Less estimated income  | (752)      | (200,000)   | (200,752)   |
| General fund           | (\$24,842) | \$50,641    | \$25,799    |
| FTE                    | 0.00       | 0.00        | 0.00        |

<sup>1</sup> Funding for employee health insurance premiums is adjusted to reflect the revised premium estimate of \$1,130.22 per month.

<sup>2</sup> Funding for overtime is reduced by \$149,359 to provide a total increase of \$125,641. In addition the funding source for \$50,641 is changed from the Secretary of State's general services operating fund to the general fund. The Senate provided \$275,000 from the Secretary of State's general services operating fund for overtime and increased operating expenses by \$24,359 from the general services operating fund. The House reduced overtime and operating expense increases by \$299,359.

The Conference Committee did not accept the House changes to decrease funding for the Central Indexing System information technology project by \$950,000.

This amendment also provides:

- An exemption for the \$1.35 million deficiency appropriation provided in Senate Bill No. 2023 to repay a Bank of North Dakota loan (\$950,000) and to provide funding for increased business processing modeling services (\$400,000). The exemption allows the Secretary of State to continue any remaining funding into the 2015-17 biennium to complete the computer project. The House also made this change.
- A Legislative Management study of the feasibility and desirability of the Secretary of State's office using software to monitor efficiency and productivity within the Secretary of State's office. The House also made this change.
- A Legislative Management study of the feasibility and desirability of consolidating all political subdivision and school district elections with the statewide primary election and the holding of all special elections on other specified dates during any year. The House also made this change.
- An emergency clause for the exemption related to the \$1.35 million deficiency appropriation. The House also made this change.

**Senate Bill No. 2002 - Public Printing - Conference Committee Action**

The Conference Committee did not change the funding for public printing provided by the Senate and the House.