

**Secretary of State
Budget No. 108
House Bill No. 1002; Senate Bill No. 2230**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 legislative appropriations	33.00	\$10,040,819	\$14,077,069	\$24,117,888
2025-27 base budget	35.00	7,141,710	9,344,171	16,485,881
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	(2.00)	\$2,899,109	\$4,732,898	\$7,632,007

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2025-27 legislative appropriations	\$9,440,819	\$600,000	\$10,040,819
2023-25 legislative appropriations	7,141,710	0	7,141,710
2025-27 legislative increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations	\$2,299,109	\$600,000	\$2,899,109
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriations	32.2%	N/A	40.6%

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS
Changes to Base Budget

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Adjusted funding for base payroll changes			(\$144,339)	(\$144,339)
Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 3 percent on July 1, 2025, and 3 percent on July 1, 2026		\$231,638		231,638
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,893 per month		168,148		168,148
Added funding to replace the 2023-25 biennium new and vacant FTE funding pool, including \$370,950 for new positions and \$159,345 for vacant positions		316,569	213,726	530,295
Transferred \$211,682 for estimated savings from vacant FTE positions from the salaries and wages line item to the new and vacant FTE pool line item and reduced the amount to \$148,177, resulting in savings as shown		(63,505)		(63,505)
Removed FTE positions relating to information management and election education	(2.00)	(185,006)	(200,006)	(385,012)

Adjusted salaries and wages funding from special funds to the general fund	581,000	(581,000)	0
Restored other funds salary savings to be used for operating expenses and election reform		833,252	833,252
Added funding for information technology (IT) rate increases	11,600	10,906	22,506
Added funding to maintain and support IT systems	1,310,000		1,310,000
Added funding to match federal Help America Vote Act funds, to provide a total of \$400,000 from the general fund for matching funds	200,000		200,000
Removed funding for public printing to transfer the duties to the Legislative Council	(271,335)		(271,335)
Added one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) for election pollpad and cradle points replacement		2,800,000	2,800,000
Added one-time funding from SIIF for IT system enhancements, including to the central indexing system		700,000	700,000
Added one-time funding from federal Help America Vote Act funds for election reform		1,000,000	1,000,000
Added one-time funding from federal funds for election security		100,359	100,359
Added one-time funding to create and distribute educational materials regarding statewide ballot measures (Senate Bill No. 2230)	600,000		600,000
Total	(2.00)	\$2,899,109	\$4,732,898

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 33 FTE positions for the Secretary of State for the 2025-27 biennium, a decrease of 2 FTE positions from the 2023-25 biennium. The Legislative Assembly removed 1 FTE information management position and 1 FTE election education position.

One-Time Funding

The following is a summary of one-time funding items for the Secretary of State for the 2025-27 biennium:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Funds
Election pollpad and cradle points replacement (SIIF)		\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000
Information technology system enhancements (SIIF)		700,000	700,000
Election reform (Help America Vote Act funds)		1,000,000	1,000,000
Election security (federal funds)		100,359	100,359
Statewide ballot measure educational materials (Senate Bill No. 2230)	\$600,000		600,000
Total	\$600,000	\$4,600,359	\$5,200,359

Other Sections in House Bill No. 1002

New and vacant FTE pool - Section 3 provides language regarding the use of funding in the new and vacant FTE pool line item.

Strategic investment and improvements fund - Section 4 provides that \$3.5 million appropriated from other funds in Section 1 is from SIIF for election pollpads and cradle points replacement (\$2.8 million) and for information technology enhancements (\$700,000).

Election fund - Section 5 authorizes the transfer of up to \$600,000 from the general fund, included in the agency's election reform line item, to the state's election fund.

Public printing - Sections 6 through 13 provide for the transfer of public printing duties from the Secretary of State to the Legislative Council.

Salary of the Secretary of State - Section 14 provides the statutory changes to increase the Secretary of State's salary. The Secretary of State's annual salary will increase from the current level of \$135,200 to \$139,256 (3 percent) effective July 1, 2025, and to \$143,434 (3 percent) effective July 1, 2026, to reflect salary adjustments approved by the Legislative Assembly.

Exemptions - Sections 15 and 16 provide exemptions for 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; and
- The \$1.5 million appropriated from SIIF during the 2023 legislative session for a new campaign system, contracted website redesign, and other information technology enhancements.

Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1469 - Statements of interest - This bill provides for the Secretary of State to publish online the statements of interest filed by candidates for elective office.

Senate Bill No. 2144 - Secretary of State fees - This bill removes certain fees charged by the Secretary of State relating to paper copy requests and the appointment of an attorney.

Senate Bill No. 2230 - Statewide ballot measures - This bill appropriates \$600,000 from the general fund to the Secretary of State to create and distribute educational materials relating to statewide ballot measures.