

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

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
2025-27 legislative appropriation	33.00	\$10,040,819 <sup>1</sup>	\$14,077,069	\$24,117,888
2023-25 legislative appropriation	<u>35.00</u>	<u>7,141,710</u>	<u>17,844,171</u>	<u>24,985,881</u>
2025-27 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriation	(2.00)	\$2,899,109	(\$3,767,102)	(\$867,993)

<sup>1</sup>This amount includes \$600,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing General Fund appropriation is \$9,440,819.

**Item Description**

**Full-time equivalent 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 2 FTE positions relating to information management and election education.

**New and vacant FTE pool** - The Legislative Assembly transferred \$148,177 for the new and vacant FTE pool line item for the Secretary of State for estimated savings from vacant positions.

**One-time funding** - The Legislative Assembly provided \$5.2 million of one-time funding, including \$600,000 from the General Fund, \$3.5 million from the Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund (SIIF), and \$1.1 million from federal funds, for the Secretary of State as follows:

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Election pollpad and cradle points replacement (SIIF)		\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000
Information technology (IT) system enhancements (SIIF)		700,000	700,000
Election reform - Help America Vote Act (federal funds)		1,000,000	1,000,000
Election security (federal funds)		100,359	100,359
Statewide ballot measures education materials (SB 2230)	\$600,000		600,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$4,600,359</b>	<b>\$5,200,359</b>

**Status/Result**

The FTE positions were vacant and have been removed.

Through January 2026, the Secretary of State had estimated vacant FTE position savings of \$109,891. The office used \$27,686 of the savings for accrued leave payouts, extra salary increases, and reclassifications. The office has had 2 vacant FTE positions each month of the biennium through January 2026.

The following is a summary of the status of the Secretary of State's one-time funding as of March 31, 2026:

Election pollpad and cradle points replacement	The Secretary of State has expended \$1.5 million to procure, test, and deploy the election pollpads and cradle points. The agency anticipates requesting carryover authority to use any remaining funds for election systems technology enhancements.
IT system enhancements	The Secretary of State has not yet spent any of the funds for IT system enhancements due to the vendor quote exceeding available funds for the central indexing system. The agency is pursuing another vendor and anticipates requesting carryover authority for the funds.
Election reform - Help America Vote Act	The Secretary of State uses federal Help America Vote Act funds for ongoing election system maintenance. The agency does not anticipate using any of the \$1 million appropriated for the 2025-27 biennium during the current biennium, as the funds do not expire and existing funding is available for current costs.
Election security	The Secretary of State has expended \$77,369 to support voter awareness and anticipates expending the remaining \$22,990 by June 30, 2026.
Statewide ballot measures education materials (Senate Bill No. 2230)	The Secretary of State has spent \$119,881 and noted there are currently four ballot measures in circulation.