



**Secretary of State
Department No. 108
2025 House Bill No. 1002**

**REVISED EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION
2025-27 BIENNIUM**

Budget Summary

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Burgum budget recommendation	35.00	\$9,950,046	\$12,283,018	\$22,233,064
Revisions - Increase (decrease)	(2.00)	(936,722)	493,686	(443,036)
Armstrong budget recommendation	33.00	\$9,013,324	\$12,776,704	\$21,790,028
Base level	35.00	7,141,710	9,344,171	16,485,881
Increase (decrease)	(2.00)	\$1,871,614	\$3,432,533	\$5,304,147
Percentage increase (decrease)	(5.7%)	26.2%	36.7%	32.2%

NOTE:

More detailed information on the revised executive budget recommendation is attached as an appendix.

Selected Highlights

- **Salary increases of up to 3 percent effective July 1, 2025, and 3 percent effective July 1, 2026**
- Health insurance increase of \$250 per month (15.2 percent), from \$1,643 to \$1,893, per employee
- Adds \$1.3 million of ongoing funding from the general fund to maintain and support information technology (IT) systems
- Adds \$2.8 million of one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) for election pollpad replacement
- **Adds \$700,000 of one-time funding from SIIF for information technology enhancements, including to the central indexing system**

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

The State Auditor reported the Secretary of State did not appropriately reconcile revenue from various fees when it was recorded in the state's accounting system.

Agency Fees

As reported to the Legislative Management, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-27, this agency has 456 fees. The agency reported there is a need to simplify the current fee structure, but did not recommend any changes to the fees.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1099 - Requires the first and last name of the presidential candidate to be identified on the ballot for presidential electors.

House Bill No. 1165 - Amends law relating to elections, including the printing of ballots.

House Bill No. 1287 - Provides for the Secretary of State to adopt rules relating to the registration of qualified voters.

House Bill No. 1424 - Provides for complaint and investigation procedures relating to the placement of endorsed candidates on the primary ballot.

Senate Bill No. 2026 - Prohibits the ownership of real property by countries or foreign organizations of concern and provides for the Secretary of State to accept and review statement filings from organizations certifying whether the organization is a foreign organization of concern.

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

Senate Bill No. 2178 - Amends law relating to primary election ballots and the retention of voter history information.

Senate Bill No. 2230 - Ballot measure education - Appropriates funding for the Secretary of State to create and distribute educational materials relating to statewide ballot measures.

NOTE:

Please see the Fiscal Impact Report for additional information regarding bills under consideration which contain either a state revenue impact, an appropriation, or a state fiscal impact.



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Agency Worksheet - House Bill No. 1002

	Armstrong Executive Budget			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	35.00	\$7,141,710	\$9,344,171	\$16,485,881
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes				
Base payroll changes			(\$144,339)	(\$144,339)
Salary increase		\$231,638	28,225	259,863
Health insurance increase		168,148	24,021	192,169
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 new FTE pool		180,000	190,950	370,950
Adds funding to replace the 2023-25 vacant FTE pool		136,569	22,776	159,345
Removes FTE positions	(2.00)	(185,006)	(200,006)	(385,012)
Adds funding for IT rate increase		11,600	10,906	22,506
Adds funding to maintain and support IT systems		1,310,000		1,310,000
Increases funding for public printing		18,665		18,665
Total ongoing funding changes	(2.00)	\$1,871,614	(\$67,467)	\$1,804,147
One-Time Funding Items				
Adds funding from SIIF for election pollpad and cradle points replacement			\$2,800,000	\$2,800,000
Adds funding from SIIF for IT enhancements, including to the central indexing system			700,000	700,000
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	(2.00)	\$1,871,614	\$3,432,533	\$5,304,147
2025-27 Total Funding	33.00	\$9,013,324	\$12,776,704	\$21,790,028

Federal funds included in other funds

\$4,095,629

Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level

(5.7%)

26.2%

(0.7%)

10.9%

Total changes - Percentage of base level

(5.7%)

26.2%

36.7%

32.2%