

House Budget Committee Report

Agency: Office of the Secretary of State

Bill No. HB 2802 **Bill Sec.** --

Analyst: Pratt

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Expenditure Summary	Agency Estimate FY 2024	Governor Recommendation FY 2024	House Budget Committee Adjustments
Operating Expenditures:			
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 4,700,000	\$ 0
Federal Funds	2,631,770	2,631,770	0
Other Funds	5,013,456	5,013,456	0
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$ 7,645,226</u>	<u>\$ 12,345,226</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Capital Improvements:			
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Federal Funds	0	0	0
Other Funds	0	0	0
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>\$ 7,645,226</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,345,226</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 0</u></u>
FTE positions	40.5	40.5	0.0

Agency Estimate

The **agency** requests a revised estimate of \$7.6 million, all from special revenue funds, in expenditures and 40.5 FTE positions in FY 2024. This is an all funds decrease of \$2.4 million, or 23.8 percent, and an SGF decrease of \$4.7 million, or 100.0 percent, below the FY 2024 approved amount.

The SGF decrease is due to the agency's lapse of \$4.7 million SGF that was appropriated by the 2023 Legislature to implement 2023 Senate Sub. for HB 2053 (HB 2053). HB 2053 authorized both registered political parties in the state to hold a presidential preference primary in calendar year (CY) 2024, and required the agency to reimburse county election offices for costs associated with holding a presidential preference primary. Each registered political party was required to notify the agency prior to December 1, 2023, if such party had elected to opt-out of the presidential preference primary. The agency lapsed the \$4.7 million SGF from its revised estimate because, at the time of the budget submission in September 2023, the agency did not know whether either party would opt-out of holding a presidential preference primary in CY 2024.

In addition to the SGF decrease, **the revised estimate includes a reduction of \$180,040 in all other funds to account for a decrease in the cost of communication services, in addition to other expenses, such as postage, printing, and advertising.** However, the overall decrease in the revised estimate is partially offset by an increase of \$1.5 million in all other funds. This adjustment is represented by an increase of \$1.2 million in contractual services, which would go primarily toward paying fees and other services to administer the Help

America Vote Act program, and an increase of \$220,097 in salaries and wages to account for increased employer contributions for fringe benefits.

Governor's Recommendation

The **Governor** recommends \$12.3 million, including \$4.7 million SGF, in expenditures and 40.5 FTE positions in FY 2024. This is an SGF increase of \$4.7 million, or 100.0 percent, above the agency's revised estimate. **The increase is to account for the agency's lapse of \$4.7 million SGF that was appropriated by the 2023 Legislature to implement HB 2053 which requires the agency to reimburse county election offices for costs associated with a presidential preference primary.**

House Budget Committee Recommendation

The **Budget Committee** concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2024.

House Committee on Appropriations Recommendation

The **Committee** concurs with the Budget Committee's recommendation in FY 2024.

Senate Subcommittee Report

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Senate Executive Subcommittee Recommendation

The **Subcommittee** concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2024.

Senate Committee on Ways and Means Recommendation

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