

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2002

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:

"Salaries and wages	\$3,753,869	\$1,024,004	\$4,777,873"
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Page 1, replace line 18 with:

"Operating expenses	2,579,597	2,179,339	4,758,936"
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Page 1, replace lines 20 through 23 with:

"Election reform	<u>5,143,115</u>	<u>(2,439,580)</u>	<u>2,703,535</u>
Total all funds	\$11,567,412	\$680,932	\$12,248,344
Less estimated income	<u>5,844,417</u>	<u>(2,360,240)</u>	<u>3,484,177</u>
Total general fund	\$5,722,995	\$3,041,172	\$8,764,167"

Page 2, replace lines 11 through 13 with:

"Grand total general fund	\$6,043,495	\$3,041,172	\$9,084,667
Grand total special funds	<u>5,844,417</u>	<u>(2,360,240)</u>	<u>3,484,177</u>
Grand total all funds	\$11,887,912	\$680,932	\$12,568,844"

Page 2, replace lines 23 and 24 with:

"Technology project		<u>0</u>	<u>2,100,000</u>
Total general fund		\$603,354	\$2,100,000"

Page 3, after line 3, insert:

**"SECTION 4. EXEMPTION.** The amounts appropriated to the secretary of state in subdivision 2 of section 1 of Engrossed 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.** 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 House Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Secretary of State				
Total all funds	\$11,567,412	\$13,523,297	(\$1,274,953)	\$12,248,344
Less estimated income	5,844,417	3,784,288	(300,111)	3,484,177
General fund	\$5,722,995	\$9,739,009	(\$974,842)	\$8,764,167
Public Printing				
Total all funds	\$320,500	\$320,500	\$0	\$320,500
Less estimated income	0	0	0	0
General fund	\$320,500	\$320,500	\$0	\$320,500
Bill total				
Total all funds	\$11,887,912	\$13,843,797	(\$1,274,953)	\$12,568,844
Less estimated income	5,844,417	3,784,288	(300,111)	3,484,177
General fund	\$6,043,495	\$10,059,509	(\$974,842)	\$9,084,667

**Senate Bill No. 2002 - Secretary of State - House Action**

	Base Budget	Senate Version	House Changes	House Version
Salaries and wages	\$3,753,869	\$5,077,715	(\$299,842)	\$4,777,873
Operating expenses	2,579,597	5,733,295	(974,359)	4,758,936
Petition review	8,000	8,000		8,000
Election reform	5,143,115	2,704,287	(752)	2,703,535
Accrued leave payments	82,831			
Total all funds	\$11,567,412	\$13,523,297	(\$1,274,953)	\$12,248,344
Less estimated income	5,844,417	3,784,288	(300,111)	3,484,177
General fund	\$5,722,995	\$9,739,009	(\$974,842)	\$8,764,167
FTE	28.00	34.00	0.00	34.00

**Department No. 108 - Secretary of State - Detail of House Changes**

	Adjusts Funding for Health Insurance Premium Increases <sup>1</sup>	Removes Overtime and Operating Expenses Increases <sup>2</sup>	Reduces One-Time Funding for Software Project <sup>3</sup>	Total House Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$24,842)	(\$275,000)		(\$299,842)
Operating expenses		(24,359)	(950,000)	(974,359)

Petition review				
Election reform	(752)			(752)
Accrued leave payments				
Total all funds	(\$25,594)	(\$299,359)	(\$950,000)	(\$1,274,953)
Less estimated income	(752)	(299,359)	0	(300,111)
General fund	(\$24,842)	\$0	(\$950,000)	(\$974,842)
FTE	0.00	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> Increased funding is removed for overtime and operating expenses associated with increased office workload.

<sup>3</sup> One-time funding is adjusted to complete the agency's software project of \$3,050,000 is reduced to \$2,100,000.

This amendment also provides:

- An exemption for the \$1.35 million deficiency appropriation provided in Engrossed 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.
- A legislative 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.
- A legislative 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.
- An emergency clause for the exemption related to the \$1.35 million deficiency appropriation.