

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT  
with Conference Committee Amendments  
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2002**

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Governor)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the  
2 secretary of state and public printing; to provide exemptions; to amend and reenact section  
3 54-09-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the secretary of state; to  
4 provide for legislative management studies; and to declare an emergency.

**5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
7 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
8 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and  
9 other income, to the secretary of state for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the  
10 secretary of state and public printing, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending  
11 June 30, 2017, as follows:

## Subdivision 1.

## SECRETARY OF STATE

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
15			
16	Salaries and wages	\$1,149,645	\$4,903,514
17	Accrued leave payments	(82,831)	0
18	Operating expenses	3,153,698	5,733,295
19	Petition review	0	8,000
20	Election reform	<u>(2,439,580)</u>	<u>2,703,535</u>
21	Total all funds	\$1,780,932	\$13,348,344
22	Less estimated income	<u>(2,260,881)</u>	<u>3,583,536</u>
23	Total general fund	\$4,041,813	\$9,764,808
24	Full-time equivalent positions	6.00	34.00

1 Subdivision 2.

2 SECRETARY OF STATE - PUBLIC PRINTING

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
4 Public printing	\$320,500	\$0	\$320,500
6 Total general fund	\$320,500	\$0	\$320,500

7 Subdivision 3.

8 BILL TOTAL

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
11 Grand total general fund	\$6,043,495	\$4,041,813	\$10,085,308
12 Grand total special funds	5,844,417	(2,260,881)	3,583,536
13 Grand total all funds	\$11,887,912	\$1,780,932	\$13,668,844

14 **SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET- REPORT TO**

15 **SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect the one-time funding  
16 items approved by the sixty-third legislative assembly for the 2013-15 biennium and the  
17 2015-17 one-time funding items included in the appropriation of section 1 of this Act:

	<u>2013-15</u>	<u>2015-17</u>
18 <u>One-Time Funding Description</u>		
19 Funding for three new full-time equivalent positions	\$283,754	\$0
20 Overtime funding	225,600	0
21 Multipurpose copier	10,000	0
22 Information technology hosting charges	84,000	0
23 Technology project	0	3,050,000
24 Total general fund	\$603,354	\$3,050,000

25 The 2015-17 one-time funding amounts are not part of the entity's base budget for the 2017-19  
26 biennium. The secretary of state shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-fifth  
27 legislative assembly on the use of the one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015,  
28 and ending June 30, 2017.

29 **SECTION 3. EXEMPTION - GENERAL SERVICES OPERATING FUND.** Any unexpended  
30 and unobligated balance remaining in the secretary of state's general services operating fund  
31 on June 30, 2015, is not subject to the provisions of section 54-09-08, and any unexpended

1 funds are available and may be expended by the secretary of state, during the biennium  
2 beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, for the database and processing platform  
3 migration project.

4 **SECTION 4. EXEMPTION.** The amounts appropriated to the secretary of state in  
5 subdivision 2 of section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2023, as approved by the sixty-fourth legislative  
6 assembly, are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from  
7 these appropriations are available for completing the central indexing computer project and the  
8 business process modeling services contract during the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and  
9 ending June 30, 2017.

10 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 54-09-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
11 amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **54-09-05. Salary of secretary of state.**

13 The annual salary of the secretary of state is ~~ninety-six thousand seven hundred ninety-four~~  
14 ~~dollars through June 30, 2014, and ninety-nine thousand six hundred ninety-eight~~ one hundred  
15 two thousand six hundred eighty-nine dollars through June 30, 2016, and one hundred five  
16 thousand seven hundred seventy dollars thereafter.

17 **SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - USE OF SOFTWARE BY**  
18 **SECRETARY OF STATE.** During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall  
19 consider studying the feasibility and desirability of the secretary of state's office utilizing  
20 software which would allow employees of the office to monitor and report billable hours in order  
21 to improve efficiency and productivity within the secretary of state's office. The legislative  
22 management shall report its findings and recommendations, along with any legislation required  
23 to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

24 **SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - CONSOLIDATION OF**  
25 **ELECTIONS.** During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying  
26 the feasibility and desirability of consolidating all political subdivision and school district  
27 elections with the statewide primary election and the holding of all special elections on other  
28 specified dates during any year. If the legislative management conducts the study, the  
29 legislative management shall seek input and participation from the secretary of state;  
30 representatives of cities, counties, school districts, and other political subdivisions; and  
31 representatives of political parties. The legislative management shall report its findings and

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1 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to  
2 the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

3 **SECTION 8. EMERGENCY.** Section 4 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure.