

Operating Budget  
For Fiscal Year 2026



Submitted to the Governor's Office of Budget and Policy  
And the Legislative Budget Board

By

The Office of the Secretary of State

December 1, 2025



## CERTIFICATE

**Agency Name**     Secretary of State

This is to certify that the information contained in the agency operating budget filed with the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Office of the Governor, Budget and Policy Division, is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the electronic submission to the LBB via the Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) and the PDF file submitted via the LBB Document Submission application are identical.

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**Chief Executive Office**

Signature

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Jane Nelson

Printed Name

Secretary of State

Title

December 1, 2025

Date

**Chief Financial Officer**

Signature

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Director of Administrative Services/Chief Financial Officer

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**Budget Overview**  
**89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget**  
Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

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	GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS		GR DEDICATED		FEDERAL FUNDS		OTHER FUNDS		ALL FUNDS	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
<b>Goal: 1. Provide and Process Information Efficiently; Enforce Laws/Rules</b>										
1.1.1. Document Filing	1,234,421	6,527,724					6,573,413	5,805,965	7,807,834	12,333,689
1.2.1. Document Publishing	718,347	851,630					35,752	35,000	754,099	886,630
<b>Total, Goal</b>	<b>1,952,768</b>	<b>7,379,354</b>					<b>6,609,165</b>	<b>5,840,965</b>	<b>8,561,933</b>	<b>13,220,319</b>
<b>Goal: 2. Maintain Uniformity &amp; Integrity of Elections; Oversee Election Process</b>										
2.1.1. Elections Administration	13,609,061	25,562,416					639,120	585,423	14,248,181	26,147,839
2.1.2. Primary Funding/Vr Postage	2,986,677	20,958,475							2,986,677	20,958,475
2.1.3. Constitutional Amendments	111,311	2,778,084							111,311	2,778,084
2.1.4. Elections Improvement	2,870,951	4,099,725		3,607,924	(8,828)	26,040,686			2,862,123	33,748,335
2.1.5. Financing Voter Registration	1,344,678	4,777,500							1,344,678	4,777,500
<b>Total, Goal</b>	<b>20,922,678</b>	<b>58,176,200</b>		<b>3,607,924</b>	<b>(8,828)</b>	<b>26,040,686</b>	<b>639,120</b>	<b>585,423</b>	<b>21,552,970</b>	<b>88,410,233</b>
<b>Goal: 3. International Protocol</b>										
3.1.1. Protocol/Border Affairs	297,041	283,920							297,041	283,920
<b>Total, Goal</b>	<b>297,041</b>	<b>283,920</b>							<b>297,041</b>	<b>283,920</b>
<b>Goal: 4. Indirect Administration</b>										
4.1.1. Indirect Administration	27,767,490	26,320,510					1,531,612	1,632,997	29,299,102	27,953,507
<b>Total, Goal</b>	<b>27,767,490</b>	<b>26,320,510</b>					<b>1,531,612</b>	<b>1,632,997</b>	<b>29,299,102</b>	<b>27,953,507</b>
<b>Total, Agency</b>	<b>50,939,977</b>	<b>92,159,984</b>		<b>3,607,924</b>	<b>(8,828)</b>	<b>26,040,686</b>	<b>8,779,897</b>	<b>8,059,385</b>	<b>59,711,046</b>	<b>129,867,979</b>
<b>Total FTEs</b>									<b>272.6</b>	<b>335.0</b>

2.A. Summary of Budget By Strategy

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Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
1 Provide and Process Information Efficiently; Enforce Laws/Rules			
1 <i>Process Documents &amp; Provide Accurate &amp; Reliable Info on a Timely Basis</i>			
1 DOCUMENT FILING	\$5,967,300	\$7,807,834	\$12,333,689
2 <i>File &amp; Publish Admin Rules and Agency Public Notices</i>			
1 DOCUMENT PUBLISHING	\$634,592	\$754,099	\$886,630
<b>TOTAL, GOAL 1</b>	<b>\$6,601,892</b>	<b>\$8,561,933</b>	<b>\$13,220,319</b>
2 Maintain Uniformity & Integrity of Elections; Oversee Election Process			
1 <i>Interpret Elect Laws/HAVA; Publish Const Amends; Reimburse Elect Costs</i>			
1 ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION	\$12,890,334	\$14,248,181	\$26,147,839
2 PRIMARY FUNDING/VR POSTAGE	\$27,422,933	\$2,986,677	\$20,958,475
3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS	\$2,679,087	\$111,311	\$2,778,084
4 ELECTIONS IMPROVEMENT	\$4,136,331	\$2,862,123	\$33,748,335
5 FINANCING VOTER REGISTRATION	\$4,777,500	\$1,344,678	\$4,777,500
<b>TOTAL, GOAL 2</b>	<b>\$51,906,185</b>	<b>\$21,552,970</b>	<b>\$88,410,233</b>
3 International Protocol			
1 <i>Provide Protocol Services and Representation on Border Issues</i>			
1 PROTOCOL/BORDER AFFAIRS	\$187,684	\$297,041	\$283,920
<b>TOTAL, GOAL 3</b>	<b>\$187,684</b>	<b>\$297,041</b>	<b>\$283,920</b>
4 Indirect Administration			
1 <i>Indirect Administration</i>			
1 INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	\$23,529,342	\$29,299,102	\$27,953,507
<b>TOTAL, GOAL 4</b>	<b>\$23,529,342</b>	<b>\$29,299,102</b>	<b>\$27,953,507</b>

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Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
<b>General Revenue Funds:</b>			
1 General Revenue Fund	\$72,956,937	\$50,939,977	\$92,159,984
	<b>\$72,956,937</b>	<b>\$50,939,977</b>	<b>\$92,159,984</b>
<b>General Revenue Dedicated Funds:</b>			
5095 Election Improvement Fund	\$0	\$0	\$3,607,924
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,607,924</b>
<b>Federal Funds:</b>			
555 Federal Funds	\$2,642,116	\$(8,828)	\$26,040,686
	<b>\$2,642,116</b>	<b>\$(8,828)</b>	<b>\$26,040,686</b>
<b>Other Funds:</b>			
666 Appropriated Receipts	\$6,626,050	\$8,779,897	\$8,059,385
	<b>\$6,626,050</b>	<b>\$8,779,897</b>	<b>\$8,059,385</b>
<b>TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING</b>	<b>\$82,225,103</b>	<b>\$59,711,046</b>	<b>\$129,867,979</b>
<b>FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS</b>	<b>257.3</b>	<b>272.6</b>	<b>335.0</b>

**2.B. Summary of Budget By Method of Finance**  
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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
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**GENERAL REVENUE**

**1** General Revenue Fund

*REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS*

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$86,030,605	\$33,562,763	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$72,698,728

*RIDER APPROPRIATION*

Rider 3, Contingency Appropriation for Constitutional Amendments (2024-25 GAA)	\$1,104,913	\$106,311	\$0
Rider 3, Contingency Appropriation for Constitutional Amendments (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$1,189,785
Rider 18, Unexpended Balances: Reimbursement for Auditable Voting Machines (2024-25 GAA)	\$5,018,385	\$0	\$0

**Comments:** UB amount from prior biennia. GAA estimate was \$0. The actual amount is shown in the table.

*TRANSFERS*

Art IX, Sec 17.16, Appropriation for a Salary Increase for General State Employees (2024-25 GAA)	\$0	\$292,268	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> Additional salary in above GAA amount			
Art IX, Sec 17.15, Appropriation for a Salary Increase for Licensed Attorneys (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$134,484

*SUPPLEMENTAL, SPECIAL OR EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS*

HB 500, 89th Leg, Regular Session	\$0	\$4,500,000	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> Records Digitization			
HB 500, 89th Leg, Regular Session	\$0	\$568,726	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> Threat Intelligence			

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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
HB 500, 89th Leg, Regular Session	\$0	\$5,240,352	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> Website Design			
HB 500, 89th Leg, Regular Session	\$0	\$175,281	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> Risk and Privacy			
HB 500, 89th Leg, Regular Session	\$0	\$5,673,660	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> Dashboard Application			
<i>LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$(24,327)	\$0	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> Approp lapse Protocol/Border Affairs timing differences in FTE hires.			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$(1,031,333)	\$0	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> Approp lapse Elections Improvement			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$(411)	\$0	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> Approp lapse Indirect Administration			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$0	\$(2,085,472)	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> Approp lapse Elections Administration			
<i>UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY</i>			
SB 30, 88th Leg, Regular Session	\$30,000	\$0	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> Agency truck purchased in 2024			
Rider 11, Unexpended Balances Between and Within Biennia for Election and Voter Registration Funds (2024-25 GAA)	\$2,872,180	\$0	\$0
Rider 9, Voter Identification Education (2024-25 GAA)	\$(8,103)	\$8,103	\$0



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METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
<b>Comments:</b> UB authority provided within rider			
Rider 15, Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck System (2024-25 GAA)	\$(1,500,000)	\$1,500,000	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> UB authority provided within rider			
Rider 11, Unexpended Balances Between and Within Biennia for Election and Voter Registration Funds (2024-25 GAA)	\$(113,278)	\$113,278	\$0
Art IX, Sec 14.03(i), Capital Budget UB (2024-25 GAA)	\$(466,592)	\$466,592	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> Unified Fund Distribution System			
Art IX, Sec 14.03(i), Capital Budget UB (2024-25 GAA)	\$(787,743)	\$787,743	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> Data Center Consolidation			
HB 500, 89th Leg, Regular Session	\$0	\$(2,914,933)	\$2,914,933
<b>Comments:</b> Records Digitization			
HB 500, 89th Leg, Regular Session	\$0	\$(568,726)	\$568,726
<b>Comments:</b> Threat Intelligence			
HB 500, 89th Leg, Regular Session	\$0	\$(5,240,352)	\$5,240,352
<b>Comments:</b> Website Design			
HB 500, 89th Leg, Regular Session	\$0	\$(175,281)	\$175,281
<b>Comments:</b> Risk and Privacy			
HB 500, 89th Leg, Regular Session	\$0	\$(4,219,310)	\$4,219,310
<b>Comments:</b> Dashboard Application			
Rider 18, Unexpended Balances: Reimbursement for Auditable Voting Machines (2024-25 GAA)	\$(5,018,385)	\$5,018,385	\$0

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METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
<b>Comments:</b> UB authority provided within rider				
Rider 18, Unexpended Balances: Reimbursement for Auditable Voting Machines (2026-27 GAA)		\$0	\$ (5,018,385)	\$5,018,385
<b>Comments:</b> UB authority provided within rider				
Art IX, Sec 14.03(i), Capital Budget UB (2024-25 GAA)		\$ (13,148,974)	\$13,148,974	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> Legacy Replacement - BEST System Phase 2				
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$72,956,937</b>	<b>\$50,939,977</b>	<b>\$92,159,984</b>
<b>TOTAL, ALL</b>	<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$72,956,937</b>	<b>\$50,939,977</b>	<b>\$92,159,984</b>

**GENERAL REVENUE FUND - DEDICATED**

**5095** GR Dedicated - Election Improvement Fund No. 5095

*REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS*

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)

	\$90,000	\$45,000	\$0
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**Comments:** Estimated appropriation

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)

	\$0	\$0	\$1,190,528
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**Comments:** Estimated appropriation

*UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY*

Art IX, Sec 13.08, Federal Funds - Unexpended balances (2024-25 GAA)

	\$ (1,212,128)	\$1,212,128	\$0
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**Comments:** UB of actual interest earned on federal funds less the estimated appropriation shown in the GAA

Art IX, Sec 13.08, Federal Funds - Unexpended balances (2026-27 GAA)

	\$0	\$ (2,417,396)	\$2,417,396
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METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
<b>Comments:</b> UB of actual interest earned on federal funds less the estimated appropriation shown in the GAA				
<i>BASE ADJUSTMENT</i>				
General Revenue Dedicated - Additional Collections (Earned Interest) on Federal Funds		\$1,122,128	\$1,160,268	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> Actual interest earned on federal funds less the estimated appropriation shown in the GAA				
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>GR Dedicated - Election Improvement Fund No. 5095</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,607,924</b>
<b>TOTAL, ALL</b>	<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND - DEDICATED</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,607,924</b>
<b><u>FEDERAL FUNDS</u></b>				
<b><u>555</u></b>	Federal Funds			
<i>RIDER APPROPRIATION</i>				
Art IX, Sec 13.10, Earned Federal Funds (2024-25 GAA)		\$1,762,789	\$0	\$0
<b>Comments:</b> Additional HAVA Election Security Award Funds. Received May 2024				
<i>UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY</i>				
Art IX, Sec 13.08, Federal Funds - Unexpended balances (2024-25 GAA)		\$24,217,541	\$0	\$0
Art IX, Sec 13.08, Federal Funds - Unexpended balances (2024-25 GAA)		\$(23,338,214)	\$(8,828)	\$0
Art IX, Sec 13.08, Federal Funds - Unexpended balances (2026-27 GAA)		\$0	\$0	\$26,040,686
<b>TOTAL,</b>	<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$2,642,116</b>	<b>\$(8,828)</b>	<b>\$26,040,686</b>
<b>TOTAL, ALL</b>	<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,642,116</b>	<b>\$(8,828)</b>	<b>\$26,040,686</b>

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METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>				
666	Appropriated Receipts			
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS				
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$7,912,525	\$6,456,431	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$8,059,385
RIDER APPROPRIATION				
	Art IX, Sec 8.02, Reimbursements and Payments (2024-25 GAA)	\$691,389	\$3,497,452	\$0
	Comments: Additional revenue copies and records			
LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS				
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$(997)	\$0	\$0
	Comments: Lapse related to additional revenue encumbered for payment obligations that were less than actual costs (Document Publishing)			
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$(363,107)	\$0	\$0
	Comments: Lapse in budget authority only. Actual collected revenue (appropriated receipts) was less than the estimated amount in the 2024-25 GAA (Election Administration - Seminars)			
UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY				
	Rider 10 Unexpended Balances Within the Biennium for Document Filing	\$(690,392)	\$690,392	\$0
BASE ADJUSTMENT				
	Art IX, Section 6.08 Benefits paid proportional by method of finance (2024-25 GAA)	\$(923,368)	\$(1,864,378)	\$0
	Comments: APS 011			
TOTAL,	Appropriated Receipts	\$6,626,050	\$8,779,897	\$8,059,385

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<b>METHOD OF FINANCING</b>		<b>Exp 2024</b>	<b>Exp 2025</b>	<b>Bud 2026</b>
<b>TOTAL, ALL OTHER FUNDS</b>		<b>\$6,626,050</b>	<b>\$8,779,897</b>	<b>\$8,059,385</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$82,225,103</b>	<b>\$59,711,046</b>	<b>\$129,867,979</b>
<b>FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS</b>				
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS				
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)		0.0	0.0	335.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)		291.0	291.0	0.0
LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS				
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)		(33.7)	(18.4)	0.0
<b>TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES</b>		<b>257.3</b>	<b>272.6</b>	<b>335.0</b>
<b>NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FTES</b>				

**2.C. Summary of Budget By Object of Expense**  
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Agency code: <b>307</b>		Agency name: <b>Secretary of State</b>		
OBJECT OF EXPENSE		EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$16,058,776	\$20,713,109	\$27,675,150
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$716,400	\$2,349,123	\$639,654
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$26,777,621	\$26,324,004	\$23,416,698
2002	FUELS AND LUBRICANTS	\$41	\$36	\$500
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$107,155	\$108,404	\$155,222
2004	UTILITIES	\$126,984	\$168,607	\$276,888
2005	TRAVEL	\$226,585	\$315,086	\$372,279
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$24,894	\$26,521	\$41,100
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$159,511	\$314,800	\$267,015
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$10,898,229	\$8,263,327	\$29,152,050
4000	GRANTS	\$26,963,862	\$1,113,243	\$47,871,423
5000	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$165,045	\$14,786	\$0
<b>Agency Total</b>		<b>\$82,225,103</b>	<b>\$59,711,046</b>	<b>\$129,867,979</b>

**2.D. Summary of Budget By Objective Outcomes**  
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Goal/ Objective / OUTCOME		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud2026
1	Provide and Process Information Efficiently; Enforce Laws/Rules			
	<i>1                      Process Documents &amp; Provide Accurate &amp; Reliable Info on a Timely Basis</i>			
KEY	1 % of Bus, Comm, and Public Filings & Info Requests Completed in 3 Days	97.53 %	97.72 %	97.00 %
KEY	2 Avg Cost Per Bus, Comm, and Public Filings Trans + Pub Info Request	0.20	0.64	0.65
	3 Average Cost Per Register and Administrative Code Published	12,210.55	14,316.09	8,500.00
2	Maintain Uniformity & Integrity of Elections; Oversee Election Process			
	<i>1                      Interpret Elect Laws/HAVA; Publish Const Amends; Reimburse Elect Costs</i>			
	1 Percent of Election Authorities Assisted or Advised	499.75 %	399.18 %	100.00 %
	2 Percent of Polling Places Having at Least One Accessible Voting Device	1.02 %	100.00 %	100.00 %
KEY	3 Average Cost Per Election Authority Assisted or Advised	7.76	12.63	7.50

### 3.A. Strategy Level Detail

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GOAL: 1 Provide and Process Information Efficiently; Enforce Laws/Rules

OBJECTIVE: 1 Process Documents & Provide Accurate & Reliable Info on a Timely Basis

STRATEGY: 1 File/Reject Statutory Filings

Service Categories:

Service: 17 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
<b>Output Measures:</b>				
KEY 1	Number of Business, Comm, and Public Filings Transactions Processed	4,940,072.00	3,730,376.00	3,690,000.00
KEY 2	Number of Requests for Information and Filings Processed	11,619,919.00	8,772,190.00	6,675,000.00
<b>Explanatory/Input Measures:</b>				
1	Number of Registrants	8,515.00	8,684.00	6,000.00
2	Number of Notary Commissions Issued	120,284.00	117,142.00	111,000.00
3	Business, Commercial, and Public Filings Revenue	176,295,067.00	184,815,169.00	146,000,000.00
<b>Objects of Expense:</b>				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$5,126,936	\$6,214,985	\$9,416,753
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$133,930	\$806,991	\$150,555
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$24,351	\$0	\$1,200,000
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$63,182	\$68,668	\$78,089
2004	UTILITIES	\$7,985	\$487	\$5,387
2005	TRAVEL	\$3,193	\$2,451	\$6,954
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$0	\$0	\$0
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$44,041	\$40,887	\$70,680
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$563,682	\$673,365	\$1,405,271
<b>TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$5,967,300</b>	<b>\$7,807,834</b>	<b>\$12,333,689</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$1,383,403	\$1,234,421	\$6,527,724
<b>SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)</b>		<b>\$1,383,403</b>	<b>\$1,234,421</b>	<b>\$6,527,724</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>				
666	Appropriated Receipts	\$4,583,897	\$6,573,413	\$5,805,965



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Agency code: **307**      Agency name: **Secretary of State**

GOAL:            1    Provide and Process Information Efficiently; Enforce Laws/Rules

OBJECTIVE:    1    Process Documents & Provide Accurate & Reliable Info on a Timely Basis

STRATEGY:    1    File/Reject Statutory Filings

Service Categories:

Service: 17      Income: A.2      Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$4,583,897	\$6,573,413	\$5,805,965
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :		\$5,967,300	\$7,807,834	\$12,333,689
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		98.8	98.5	126.0

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Agency code: **307** Agency name: **Secretary of State**

GOAL: 1 Provide and Process Information Efficiently; Enforce Laws/Rules

OBJECTIVE: 2 File & Publish Admin Rules and Agency Public Notices

STRATEGY: 1 Publish the Texas Register and the Texas Administrative Code

Service Categories:

Service: 05 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
<b>Explanatory/Input Measures:</b>				
	1 Number of Rules and Notices Filed in the Texas Register	20,612.00	23,670.00	23,600.00
<b>Objects of Expense:</b>				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$532,971	\$607,732	\$739,209
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$19,425	\$88,056	\$39,905
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$965	\$2,349	\$5,000
2004	UTILITIES	\$84	\$48	\$200
2005	TRAVEL	\$2,199	\$1,817	\$5,000
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$0	\$0	\$0
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$1,056	\$893	\$1,700
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$77,892	\$53,204	\$95,616
<b>TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$634,592</b>	<b>\$754,099</b>	<b>\$886,630</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>				
	1 General Revenue Fund	\$591,790	\$718,347	\$851,630
<b>SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)</b>		<b>\$591,790</b>	<b>\$718,347</b>	<b>\$851,630</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>				
	666 Appropriated Receipts	\$42,802	\$35,752	\$35,000
<b>SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)</b>		<b>\$42,802</b>	<b>\$35,752</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>
<b>TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :</b>		<b>\$634,592</b>	<b>\$754,099</b>	<b>\$886,630</b>
<b>FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:</b>		<b>10.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>

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Agency code: **307** Agency name: **Secretary of State**

GOAL: **2** Maintain Uniformity & Integrity of Elections; Oversee Election Process

OBJECTIVE: **1** Interpret Elect Laws/HAVA; Publish Const Amends; Reimburse Elect Costs

STRATEGY: **1** Provide Statewide Elections Administration

Service Categories:

Service: **07** Income: **A.2** Age: **B.3**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
<b>Output Measures:</b>				
KEY 1	Number of Election Officials Assisted or Advised	564,768.00	451,121.00	235,000.00
2	Number of Public Customers Advised, Trained or Assisted	199,797.00	195,844.00	160,000.00
<b>Explanatory/Input Measures:</b>				
1	Number of Registered Voters	17,759,273.00	18,258,249.00	18,000,000.00
<b>Objects of Expense:</b>				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$3,463,714	\$5,272,175	\$6,297,604
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$181,886	\$506,703	\$130,555
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$3,050,418	\$3,199,307	\$3,783,115
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$10,420	\$22,149	\$35,500
2004	UTILITIES	\$9,248	\$2,240	\$16,000
2005	TRAVEL	\$60,677	\$176,727	\$187,000
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$0	\$0	\$0
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$92,595	\$98,557	\$118,387
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$6,021,376	\$4,970,323	\$10,561,293
4000	GRANTS	\$0	\$0	\$5,018,385
<b>TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$12,890,334</b>	<b>\$14,248,181</b>	<b>\$26,147,839</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$12,274,303	\$13,609,061	\$25,562,416
<b>SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)</b>		<b>\$12,274,303</b>	<b>\$13,609,061</b>	<b>\$25,562,416</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>				
666	Appropriated Receipts	\$616,031	\$639,120	\$585,423
<b>SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)</b>		<b>\$616,031</b>	<b>\$639,120</b>	<b>\$585,423</b>

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GOAL:                **2**    Maintain Uniformity & Integrity of Elections; Oversee Election Process

OBJECTIVE:        **1**    Interpret Elect Laws/HAVA; Publish Const Amends; Reimburse Elect Costs

Service Categories:

STRATEGY:        **1**    Provide Statewide Elections Administration

Service:    07      Income:    A.2      Age:      B.3

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CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
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TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :		\$12,890,334	\$14,248,181	\$26,147,839
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FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		56.2	63.7	73.0
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GOAL: **2** Maintain Uniformity & Integrity of Elections; Oversee Election Process

OBJECTIVE: **1** Interpret Elect Laws/HAVA; Publish Const Amends; Reimburse Elect Costs

Service Categories:

STRATEGY: **2** Primary Election Financing; VR Postal Payment to Postal Services

Service: **07** Income: **A.2** Age: **B.3**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
<b>Efficiency Measures:</b>				
1	Program Mgmt Cost Per Dollar of Primary Election Funds Distributed	0.02	3.38	0.01
2	Program Mgmt Cost Per Dollar of Voter Registration Postage Reimbursed	0.16	0.22	0.20
<b>Explanatory/Input Measures:</b>				
1	Amount of Primary Election Funds Distributed to Political Parties	19,290,244.00	785,465.00	16,521,395.00
2	Amount of Voter Registration Postage Reimbursed to Counties	375,179.00	359,916.00	370,000.00
<b>Objects of Expense:</b>				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$298,940	\$336,595	\$330,750
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$24,560	\$27,133	\$5,000
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$4,533,254	\$2,276,192	\$2,059,600
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$379,817	\$346,757	\$487,587
4000	GRANTS	\$22,186,362	\$0	\$18,075,538
<b>TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$27,422,933</b>	<b>\$2,986,677</b>	<b>\$20,958,475</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$27,422,933	\$2,986,677	\$20,958,475
<b>SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)</b>		<b>\$27,422,933</b>	<b>\$2,986,677</b>	<b>\$20,958,475</b>
<b>TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :</b>		<b>\$27,422,933</b>	<b>\$2,986,677</b>	<b>\$20,958,475</b>
<b>FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:</b>		<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>

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GOAL: **2** Maintain Uniformity & Integrity of Elections; Oversee Election Process

OBJECTIVE: **1** Interpret Elect Laws/HAVA; Publish Const Amends; Reimburse Elect Costs

STRATEGY: **3** Publish and Interpret Constitutional Amendments

Service Categories:

Service: **05** Income: **A.2** Age: **B.3**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
<b>Output Measures:</b>				
KEY 1	Number of Constitutional Amendment Translations Mailed	1,045,839.00	0.00	2,632,301.00
<b>Efficiency Measures:</b>				
1	Average Cost Per Amendment Published	0.00	0.00	194,369.00
<b>Objects of Expense:</b>				
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$2,679,087	\$111,311	\$2,778,084
<b>TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$2,679,087</b>	<b>\$111,311</b>	<b>\$2,778,084</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$2,679,087	\$111,311	\$2,778,084
<b>SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)</b>		<b>\$2,679,087</b>	<b>\$111,311</b>	<b>\$2,778,084</b>
<b>TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :</b>		<b>\$2,679,087</b>	<b>\$111,311</b>	<b>\$2,778,084</b>
<b>FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:</b>				

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GOAL: **2** Maintain Uniformity & Integrity of Elections; Oversee Election Process

OBJECTIVE: **1** Interpret Elect Laws/HAVA; Publish Const Amends; Reimburse Elect Costs

STRATEGY: **4** Administer the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

Service Categories:

Service: **07** Income: **A.2** Age: **B.3**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
<b>Explanatory/Input Measures:</b>				
1	Number of Counties Using Voter Registration Online	220.00	222.00	215.00
2	Number of Federal HAVA Dollars Spent Per Voting Age Population	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Objects of Expense:</b>				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,280,319	\$1,889,515	\$2,306,036
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$87,432	\$196,431	\$84,266
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$2,479,608	\$659,048	\$745,767
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
2005	TRAVEL	\$108,067	\$93,178	\$110,000
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$180,905	\$255,386	\$10,500,266
4000	GRANTS	\$0	\$(231,435)	\$20,000,000
<b>TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$4,136,331</b>	<b>\$2,862,123</b>	<b>\$33,748,335</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$1,494,215	\$2,870,951	\$4,099,725
<b>SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)</b>		<b>\$1,494,215</b>	<b>\$2,870,951</b>	<b>\$4,099,725</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>				
5095	Election Improvement Fund	\$0	\$0	\$3,607,924
<b>SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS - DEDICATED)</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,607,924</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>				
555	Federal Funds			
90.404.000	HAVA Election Security Grants	\$2,642,116	\$(8,828)	\$26,040,686
CFDA Subtotal, Fund	555	\$2,642,116	\$(8,828)	\$26,040,686

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Agency code: **307**      Agency name: **Secretary of State**

GOAL:            **2**    Maintain Uniformity & Integrity of Elections; Oversee Election Process

OBJECTIVE:    **1**    Interpret Elect Laws/HAVA; Publish Const Amends; Reimburse Elect Costs

Service Categories:

STRATEGY:    **4**    Administer the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

Service:    07      Income:    A.2      Age:    B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
SUBTOTAL, MOF (FEDERAL FUNDS)		\$2,642,116	\$(8,828)	\$26,040,686
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :		\$4,136,331	\$2,862,123	\$33,748,335
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		24.3	28.6	31.0



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GOAL:                **2**    Maintain Uniformity & Integrity of Elections; Oversee Election Process

OBJECTIVE:        **1**    Interpret Elect Laws/HAVA; Publish Const Amends; Reimburse Elect Costs

Service Categories:

STRATEGY:        **5**    Payments to Counties for Voter Registration Activity. Estimated.

Service:    **07**      Income:    **A.2**      Age:        **B.3**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
<b>Objects of Expense:</b>				
	4000 GRANTS	\$4,777,500	\$1,344,678	\$4,777,500
	<b>TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$4,777,500</b>	<b>\$1,344,678</b>	<b>\$4,777,500</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>				
	1 General Revenue Fund	\$4,777,500	\$1,344,678	\$4,777,500
	<b>SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)</b>	<b>\$4,777,500</b>	<b>\$1,344,678</b>	<b>\$4,777,500</b>
	<b>TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :</b>	<b>\$4,777,500</b>	<b>\$1,344,678</b>	<b>\$4,777,500</b>
<b>FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:</b>				

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Agency code: **307** Agency name: **Secretary of State**

GOAL: **3** International Protocol

OBJECTIVE: **1** Provide Protocol Services and Representation on Border Issues

Service Categories:

STRATEGY: **1** Provide Protocol Services and Representation on Border Issues

Service: **02** Income: **A.2** Age: **B.3**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
<b>Output Measures:</b>				
1	# Meetings w/Intern'l Diplomatic Off/Foreign Gov Off/Bus Leaders	132.00	157.00	80.00
2	Number of Border Events Attended	88.00	87.00	55.00
<b>Objects of Expense:</b>				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$159,576	\$248,078	\$265,910
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$12,039	\$33,137	\$5,010
2005	TRAVEL	\$13,340	\$12,070	\$9,000
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$2,729	\$3,756	\$4,000
<b>TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$187,684</b>	<b>\$297,041</b>	<b>\$283,920</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$187,684	\$297,041	\$283,920
<b>SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)</b>		<b>\$187,684</b>	<b>\$297,041</b>	<b>\$283,920</b>
<b>TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :</b>		<b>\$187,684</b>	<b>\$297,041</b>	<b>\$283,920</b>
<b>FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:</b>		<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>

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Agency code: **307** Agency name: **Secretary of State**

GOAL: **4** Indirect Administration

OBJECTIVE: **1** Indirect Administration

STRATEGY: **1** Indirect Administration

Service Categories:

Service: **09** Income: **A.2** Age: **B.3**

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
<b>Objects of Expense:</b>				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$5,196,320	\$6,144,029	\$8,318,888
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$257,128	\$690,672	\$224,363
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$16,689,990	\$20,189,457	\$15,628,216
2002	FUELS AND LUBRICANTS	\$41	\$36	\$500
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$32,588	\$15,238	\$34,633
2004	UTILITIES	\$109,667	\$165,832	\$255,301
2005	TRAVEL	\$39,109	\$28,843	\$54,325
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$24,894	\$26,521	\$41,100
2007	RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$21,819	\$174,463	\$76,248
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$992,741	\$1,849,225	\$3,319,933
5000	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$165,045	\$14,786	\$0
<b>TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$23,529,342</b>	<b>\$29,299,102</b>	<b>\$27,953,507</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$22,146,022	\$27,767,490	\$26,320,510
<b>SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)</b>		<b>\$22,146,022</b>	<b>\$27,767,490</b>	<b>\$26,320,510</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>				
666	Appropriated Receipts	\$1,383,320	\$1,531,612	\$1,632,997
<b>SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)</b>		<b>\$1,383,320</b>	<b>\$1,531,612</b>	<b>\$1,632,997</b>
<b>TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :</b>		<b>\$23,529,342</b>	<b>\$29,299,102</b>	<b>\$27,953,507</b>
<b>FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:</b>		<b>61.0</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>87.0</b>

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**SUMMARY TOTALS:**

<b>OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:</b>	<b>\$82,225,103</b>	<b>\$59,711,046</b>	<b>\$129,867,979</b>
<b>METHODS OF FINANCE :</b>	<b>\$82,225,103</b>	<b>\$59,711,046</b>	<b>\$129,867,979</b>
<b>FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:</b>	<b>257.3</b>	<b>272.6</b>	<b>335.0</b>

4.A. Capital Budget Project Schedule  
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Agency name: Secretary of State

Category Code / Category Name

*Project Sequence/Project Id/ Name*

OOE / TOF / MOF CODE		EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
<b>5005 Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies</b>				
<i>1/1 Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies</i>				
<b>OBJECTS OF EXPENSE</b>				
<u>Capital</u>				
2003 CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES		\$0	\$19	\$0
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE		\$107,535	\$385,195	\$350,000
5000 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES		\$92,465	\$14,786	\$0
Capital Subtotal OOE, Project	1	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$350,000
Subtotal OOE, Project	1	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>
<b>TYPE OF FINANCING</b>				
<u>Capital</u>				
CA 666 Appropriated Receipts		\$200,000	\$400,000	\$350,000
Capital Subtotal TOF, Project	1	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$350,000
Subtotal TOF, Project	1	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>
<i>2/2 Unified Fund Distribution System</i>				
<b>OBJECTS OF EXPENSE</b>				
<u>Capital</u>				
2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES		\$4,533,254	\$2,276,192	\$1,809,600
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE		\$154	\$0	\$0
Capital Subtotal OOE, Project	2	\$4,533,408	\$2,276,192	\$1,809,600
Subtotal OOE, Project	2	<b>\$4,533,408</b>	<b>\$2,276,192</b>	<b>\$1,809,600</b>
<b>TYPE OF FINANCING</b>				
<u>Capital</u>				
CA 1 General Revenue Fund		\$4,533,408	\$2,276,192	\$1,809,600
Capital Subtotal TOF, Project	2	\$4,533,408	\$2,276,192	\$1,809,600

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OOE / TOF / MOF CODE	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
Subtotal TOF, Project 2	<u>\$4,533,408</u>	<u>\$2,276,192</u>	<u>\$1,809,600</u>
<i>8/8 Internal Agency Dashboard (HB 500, 89th Legis.)</i>			
<b>OBJECTS OF EXPENSE</b>			
<u>Capital</u>			
2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$0	\$2,290,446	\$5,795,740
Capital Subtotal OOE, Project 8	\$0	\$2,290,446	\$5,795,740
Subtotal OOE, Project 8	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,290,446</u>	<u>\$5,795,740</u>
<b>TYPE OF FINANCING</b>			
<u>Capital</u>			
CA 1 General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$2,290,446	\$5,795,740
Capital Subtotal TOF, Project 8	\$0	\$2,290,446	\$5,795,740
Subtotal TOF, Project 8	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,290,446</u>	<u>\$5,795,740</u>
<i>10/10 Transition from Office 365</i>			
<b>OBJECTS OF EXPENSE</b>			
<u>Capital</u>			
2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$751,830
Capital Subtotal OOE, Project 10	\$0	\$0	\$751,830
Subtotal OOE, Project 10	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$751,830</u>
<b>TYPE OF FINANCING</b>			
<u>Capital</u>			
CA 1 General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$751,830
Capital Subtotal TOF, Project 10	\$0	\$0	\$751,830
Subtotal TOF, Project 10	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$751,830</u>

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Capital Subtotal, Category 5005	\$4,733,408	\$4,966,638	\$8,707,170
Informational Subtotal, Category 5005			
<b>Total, Category 5005</b>	<b>\$4,733,408</b>	<b>\$4,966,638</b>	<b>\$8,707,170</b>

**7000 Data Center/Shared Technology Services**

*3/3 Data Center Consolidation*

**OBJECTS OF EXPENSE**

Capital

2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$2,409,040	\$4,834,000	\$3,848,117
Capital Subtotal OOE, Project 3	\$2,409,040	\$4,834,000	\$3,848,117
Subtotal OOE, Project 3	<b>\$2,409,040</b>	<b>\$4,834,000</b>	<b>\$3,848,117</b>

**TYPE OF FINANCING**

Capital

CA 1 General Revenue Fund	\$2,409,040	\$4,834,000	\$3,848,117
Capital Subtotal TOF, Project 3	\$2,409,040	\$4,834,000	\$3,848,117
Subtotal TOF, Project 3	<b>\$2,409,040</b>	<b>\$4,834,000</b>	<b>\$3,848,117</b>
Capital Subtotal, Category 7000	\$2,409,040	\$4,834,000	\$3,848,117
Informational Subtotal, Category 7000			
<b>Total, Category 7000</b>	<b>\$2,409,040</b>	<b>\$4,834,000</b>	<b>\$3,848,117</b>

**9000 Cybersecurity**

*6/6 Threat Intelligence (HB 500, 89th Legis.)*

**OBJECTS OF EXPENSE**

Capital

2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$568,726
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Capital Subtotal OOE, Project	6	\$0	\$0	\$568,726
Subtotal OOE, Project	6	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$568,726</b>
<b>TYPE OF FINANCING</b>				
<u>Capital</u>				
CA 1 General Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$568,726
Capital Subtotal TOF, Project	6	\$0	\$0	\$568,726
Subtotal TOF, Project	6	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$568,726</b>
Capital Subtotal, Category	9000	\$0	\$0	\$568,726
Informational Subtotal, Category	9000			
<b>Total, Category 9000</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$568,726</b>

**9500 Legacy Modernization**

*4/4 Legacy Infrastructure Modernization, Upgrade  
and Digitization – BEST*

**OBJECTS OF EXPENSE**

Capital

2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES		\$14,280,950	\$13,065,011	\$0
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE		\$2,700	\$83,963	\$0
Capital Subtotal OOE, Project	4	\$14,283,650	\$13,148,974	\$0
Subtotal OOE, Project	4	<b>\$14,283,650</b>	<b>\$13,148,974</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TYPE OF FINANCING</b>				
<u>Capital</u>				
CA 1 General Revenue Fund		\$14,283,650	\$13,148,974	\$0
Capital Subtotal TOF, Project	4	\$14,283,650	\$13,148,974	\$0
Subtotal TOF, Project	4	<b>\$14,283,650</b>	<b>\$13,148,974</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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5/5 Records Digitization (HB 500, 89th Legis.)				
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE				
<u>Capital</u>				
2007 RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER		\$0	\$150,000	\$0
2009 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE		\$0	\$1,380,067	\$2,969,933
Capital Subtotal OOE, Project	5	\$0	\$1,530,067	\$2,969,933
Subtotal OOE, Project	5	\$0	\$1,530,067	\$2,969,933
TYPE OF FINANCING				
<u>Capital</u>				
CA 1 General Revenue Fund		\$0	\$1,530,067	\$2,969,933
Capital Subtotal TOF, Project	5	\$0	\$1,530,067	\$2,969,933
Subtotal TOF, Project	5	\$0	\$1,530,067	\$2,969,933
7/7 Website Redesign (HB 500, 89th Legis.)				
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE				
<u>Capital</u>				
2001 PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES		\$0	\$0	\$5,240,352
Capital Subtotal OOE, Project	7	\$0	\$0	\$5,240,352
Subtotal OOE, Project	7	\$0	\$0	\$5,240,352
TYPE OF FINANCING				
<u>Capital</u>				
CA 1 General Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$5,240,352
Capital Subtotal TOF, Project	7	\$0	\$0	\$5,240,352
Subtotal TOF, Project	7	\$0	\$0	\$5,240,352
9/9 Risk and Privacy Program (HB 500, 89th Legis.)				
OBJECTS OF EXPENSE				

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OOE / TOF / MOF CODE		EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
<u>Capital</u>				
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$175,281
Capital Subtotal OOE, Project	9	\$0	\$0	\$175,281
Subtotal OOE, Project	9	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$175,281</b>
TYPE OF FINANCING				
<u>Capital</u>				
CA	1 General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$175,281
Capital Subtotal TOF, Project	9	\$0	\$0	\$175,281
Subtotal TOF, Project	9	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$175,281</b>
Capital Subtotal, Category	9500	\$14,283,650	\$14,679,041	\$8,385,566
Informational Subtotal, Category	9500			
<b>Total, Category</b>	<b>9500</b>	<b>\$14,283,650</b>	<b>\$14,679,041</b>	<b>\$8,385,566</b>
AGENCY TOTAL -CAPITAL		<b>\$21,426,098</b>	<b>\$24,479,679</b>	<b>\$21,509,579</b>
AGENCY TOTAL -INFORMATIONAL				
AGENCY TOTAL		<b>\$21,426,098</b>	<b>\$24,479,679</b>	<b>\$21,509,579</b>
METHOD OF FINANCING:				
<u>Capital</u>				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$21,226,098	\$24,079,679	\$21,159,579
666	Appropriated Receipts	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$350,000
Total, Method of Financing-Capital		\$21,426,098	\$24,479,679	\$21,509,579
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>		<b>\$21,426,098</b>	<b>\$24,479,679</b>	<b>\$21,509,579</b>

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OOE / TOF / MOF CODE	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
TYPE OF FINANCING:			
<u>Capital</u>			
CA CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS	\$21,426,098	\$24,479,679	\$21,509,579
Total, Type of Financing-Capital	\$21,426,098	\$24,479,679	\$21,509,579
Total, Type of Financing	\$21,426,098	\$24,479,679	\$21,509,579

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	Goal/Obj/Str	Strategy Name	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
<b>5005 Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies</b>					
	<i>1/1</i>	<i>Acquisition of Info. Resource Tech.</i>			
Capital	4-1-1	INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	200,000	400,000	\$350,000
		TOTAL, PROJECT	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$350,000
	<i>2/2</i>	<i>Unified Fund Distribution System</i>			
Capital	2-1-2	PRIMARY FUNDING/VR POSTAGE	4,533,408	2,276,192	1,809,600
		TOTAL, PROJECT	\$4,533,408	\$2,276,192	\$1,809,600
	<i>8/8</i>	<i>Internal Agency Dashboard</i>			
Capital	4-1-1	INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	0	2,290,446	5,795,740
		TOTAL, PROJECT	\$0	\$2,290,446	\$5,795,740
	<i>10/10</i>	<i>Transition from Office 365</i>			
Capital	2-1-1	ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION	0	0	751,830
		TOTAL, PROJECT	\$0	\$0	\$751,830
<b>7000 Data Center/Shared Technology Services</b>					
	<i>3/3</i>	<i>Data Center Consolidation</i>			
Capital	4-1-1	INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	2,409,040	4,834,000	3,848,117

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Goal/Obj/Str      Strategy Name			EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
TOTAL, PROJECT			\$2,409,040	\$4,834,000	\$3,848,117
<b>9000 Cybersecurity</b>					
<i>6/6      Threat Intelligence</i>					
Capital	4-1-1	INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	0	0	\$568,726
TOTAL, PROJECT			\$0	\$0	\$568,726
<b>9500 Legacy Modernization</b>					
<i>4/4      Legacy Replacement – BEST</i>					
Capital	4-1-1	INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	14,283,650	13,148,974	0
TOTAL, PROJECT			\$14,283,650	\$13,148,974	\$0
<i>5/5      Records Digitization</i>					
Capital	4-1-1	INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	0	1,530,067	2,969,933
TOTAL, PROJECT			\$0	\$1,530,067	\$2,969,933
<i>7/7      Website Redesign</i>					
Capital	4-1-1	INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	0	0	5,240,352
TOTAL, PROJECT			\$0	\$0	\$5,240,352

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Goal/Obj/Str		Strategy Name	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
9/9		Risk and Privacy Program			
Capital	4-1-1	INDIRECT ADMINISTRATION	0	0	\$175,281
		TOTAL, PROJECT	\$0	\$0	\$175,281
		TOTAL CAPITAL, ALL PROJECTS	\$21,426,098	\$24,479,679	\$21,509,579
		TOTAL INFORMATIONAL, ALL PROJECTS			
		TOTAL, ALL PROJECTS	\$21,426,098	\$24,479,679	\$21,509,579

**4.B. Federal Funds Supporting Schedule**  
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Agency code: <b>307</b>		Agency name: <b>Secretary of State</b>		
CFDA NUMBER/ STRATEGY	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026	
<b>90.404.000</b> HAVA Election Security Grants				
2 - 1 - 4 ELECTIONS IMPROVEMENT	2,642,116	-8,828	26,040,686	
<b>TOTAL, ALL STRATEGIES</b>	<b>\$2,642,116</b>	<b>-\$8,828</b>	<b>\$26,040,686</b>	
<b>ADDL FED FNDS FOR EMPL BENEFITS</b>	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL, FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,642,116</b>	<b>-\$8,828</b>	<b>\$26,040,686</b>	
<b>ADDL GR FOR EMPL BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

**SUMMARY LISTING OF FEDERAL PROGRAM AMOUNTS**

90.404.000 HAVA Election Security Grants	2,642,116	-8,828	26,040,686	
<b>TOTAL, ALL STRATEGIES</b>	<b>\$2,642,116</b>	<b>-\$8,828</b>	<b>\$26,040,686</b>	
<b>TOTAL, ADDL FED FUNDS FOR EMPL BENEFITS</b>	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL, FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,642,116</b>	<b>-\$8,828</b>	<b>\$26,040,686</b>	
<b>TOTAL, ADDL GR FOR EMPL BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

**4.C. Federal Funds Tracking Schedule**  
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Federal FY		Expended SFY 2023	Estimated SFY 2024	Budgeted SFY 2025	Requested SFY 2026	Requested SFY 2027	Estimated SFY 2028	Total	Difference from Award
<b><u>CFDA 90.404.000</u></b> HAVA Election Security Grants									
2021	\$28,218,423	\$331,621	\$2,642,116	\$-8,828	\$25,253,514	\$0	\$0	\$28,218,423	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,218,423</b>	<b>\$331,621</b>	<b>\$2,642,116</b>	<b>\$-8,828</b>	<b>\$25,253,514</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$28,218,423</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>Empl. Benefit Payment</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
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**4.D. Estimated Revenue Collections Supporting Schedule**  
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FUND/ACCOUNT		Exp 2024	Est 2025	Est 2026
<b><u>666</u></b>	<b>Appropriated Receipts</b>			
	Beginning Balance (Unencumbered):	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Estimated Revenue:			
3175	Professional Fees	129,148	123,042	103,000
3719	Fees/Copies or Filing of Records	6,749,106	9,419,220	7,733,135
3722	Conf, Semin, & Train Regis Fees	379,125	457,032	200,000
3727	Fees - Administrative Services	18,000	0	18,000
3752	Sale of Publications/Advertising	5,000	5,000	5,000
3802	Reimbursements-Third Party	1,310	8,608	250
3879	Credit Card and Related Fees	34,753	17,891	0
	Subtotal: Estimated Revenue	7,316,442	10,030,793	8,059,385
	<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$7,316,442</b>	<b>\$10,030,793</b>	<b>\$8,059,385</b>
<b>DEDUCTIONS:</b>				
	Revenue Expended	(6,626,050)	(8,779,897)	(8,059,385)
	<b>Total, Deductions</b>	<b>\$(6,626,050)</b>	<b>\$(8,779,897)</b>	<b>\$(8,059,385)</b>
<b>Ending Fund/Account Balance</b>		<b>\$690,392</b>	<b>\$1,250,896</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS:**

Appropriated receipts include fees received from copies of records, examination of voting systems, online credit card fees, conferences and seminars. The revenue is expended as part of the agency's method of finance for operating costs and salaries including benefits.

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4.F. Part A Budgetary Impacts Related to Recently Enacted State Legislation Schedule  
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		Exp 2025	Bud 2026	Est 2027	Est 2028	Est 2029
Expanded or New Initiative:	1.Reimbursement for Auditable Voting Systems.					
<b>Legal Authority for Item:</b> SB 598 Eighty-Seventh Legislature, Regular Session and HB 5 Eighty-Seventh Legislature, Second Special Session)						
<b>Description/Key Assumptions (including start up/implementation costs and ongoing costs):</b> Funding provided to grant funds to locals to reimburse them for retrofitting of certain auditable voting systems, replacing voting systems that cannot be upgraded, and the development of secure tracking system for mail ballots. Requires all voting systems used in Texas to have a paper audit trail by September 2026. Additionally, it creates a risk-limiting (RLA) program administered by the SOS beginning in September 2026.						
State Budget by Program:	Elections Improvement					
IT Component:	No					
Involve Contracts > \$50,000:	No					
<b>Objects of Expense</b>						
Strategy: 2-1-1 ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION						
4000 GRANTS		\$0	\$5,018,385	\$0	\$0	\$0
	SUBTOTAL, Strategy 2-1-1	\$0	\$5,018,385	\$0	\$0	\$0
	TOTAL, Objects of Expense	\$0	\$5,018,385	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Method of Financing</b>						
GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS						
Strategy: 2-1-1 ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION						
1 General Revenue Fund		\$0	\$5,018,385	\$0	\$0	\$0
	SUBTOTAL, Strategy 2-1-1	\$0	\$5,018,385	\$0	\$0	\$0
	SUBTOTAL, GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$5,018,385	\$0	\$0	\$0
	TOTAL, Method of Financing	\$0	\$5,018,385	\$0	\$0	\$0

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		Exp 2025	Bud 2026	Est 2027	Est 2028	Est 2029
Expanded or New Initiative:	2. Administrative Oversight of County Office Administering Elections or Voter Registration					
Legal Authority for Item:	SB 1933 Eighty Eighth Legislature, Regular Session					
Description/Key Assumptions (including start up/implementation costs and ongoing costs):	The legislation authorizes the SOS to order administrative oversight of a county office administering elections or voter registration in a county with a population of more than 4 million. The legislation also allows the SOS to randomly select another county with a population of less than 300,000 for an audit pursuant to Section 127.351, Election Code if the SOS completes the audit of a county under a similar population threshold before the end of the two-year audit period.					
State Budget by Program:	Election Administration					
IT Component:	No					
Involve Contracts > \$50,000:	No					
Objects of Expense						
Strategy: 2-1-1 ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,008,402	\$1,008,402	\$1,008,402	\$1,008,402	\$1,008,402
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$50,420	\$50,420	\$50,420	\$50,420	\$50,420
2005	TRAVEL	\$171,126	\$171,126	\$171,126	\$171,126	\$171,126
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$41,205	\$77,837	\$77,837	\$77,837	\$77,837
SUBTOTAL, Strategy 2-1-1		\$1,271,153	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785
TOTAL, Objects of Expense		\$1,271,153	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785
Method of Financing						
GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS						
Strategy: 2-1-1 ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$1,271,153	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785
SUBTOTAL, Strategy 2-1-1		\$1,271,153	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785
SUBTOTAL, GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS		\$1,271,153	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785
TOTAL, Method of Financing		\$1,271,153	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE)						
Strategy: 2-1-1 ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATION						
TOTAL FTES		12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0

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<b>Expanded or New Initiative:</b> 3. Notary Continuing Education Program						
<b>Legal Authority for Item:</b> SB 693 Eighty Ninth Legislature, Regular Session						
<b>Description/Key Assumptions (including start up/implementation costs and ongoing costs):</b> The legislation requires the SOS to create a continuing education program for notaries public and that such education be a requirement to become commissioned as a notary public. The bill requires the same course as continuing education for current notaries public when they renew their commission. The bill authorizes the SOS to establish a fee.						
<b>State Budget by Program:</b>	Document Filing					
<b>IT Component:</b>	No					
<b>Involve Contracts &gt; \$50,000:</b>	No					
<b>Objects of Expense</b>						
<b>Strategy: 1-1-1 DOCUMENT FILING</b>						
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$0	\$181,873	\$181,873	\$181,873	\$181,873
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$0	\$36,781	\$36,781	\$36,781	\$36,781
2001	PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$0	\$400,000	\$35,000	\$242,985	\$242,985
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$0	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$0	\$162,583	\$114,113	\$114,113	\$114,113
<b>SUBTOTAL, Strategy 1-1-1</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$786,237</b>	<b>\$370,267</b>	<b>\$578,252</b>	<b>\$578,252</b>
<b>TOTAL, Objects of Expense</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$786,237</b>	<b>\$370,267</b>	<b>\$578,252</b>	<b>\$578,252</b>
<b>Method of Financing</b>						
<b>GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>						
<b>Strategy: 1-1-1 DOCUMENT FILING</b>						
1	General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$600,000	\$200,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>SUBTOTAL, Strategy 1-1-1</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL, GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>						
<b>Strategy: 1-1-1 DOCUMENT FILING</b>						
666	Appropriated Receipts	\$0	\$186,237	\$170,267	\$178,252	\$178,252
<b>SUBTOTAL, Strategy 1-1-1</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$186,237</b>	<b>\$170,267</b>	<b>\$178,252</b>	<b>\$178,252</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL, OTHER FUNDS</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$186,237</b>	<b>\$170,267</b>	<b>\$178,252</b>	<b>\$178,252</b>
<b>TOTAL, Method of Financing</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$786,237</b>	<b>\$370,267</b>	<b>\$578,252</b>	<b>\$578,252</b>
<b>FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS (FTE)</b>						
<b>Strategy: 1-1-1 DOCUMENT FILING</b>		0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

**4.F. Part A Budgetary Impacts Related to Recently Enacted State Legislation Schedule**  
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TOTAL FTES	0.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

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**Expanded or New Initiative:**                      4. Expedited Business Services

**Legal Authority for Item:**  
HB 346 Eighty Ninth Legislature, Regular Session

**Description/Key Assumptions (including start up/implementation costs and ongoing costs):**  
The legislation authorizes the SOS to prescribe fee amounts for expedited commercial and business record searches or filings and the exemption from the franchise tax and certain filing fees for veteran-owned businesses.

**State Budget by Program:**                      Document Filing  
**IT Component:**                                      No  
**Involve Contracts > \$50,000:**                      No

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Exp 2025	Bud 2026	Est 2027	Est 2028	Est 2029
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**Expanded or New Initiative:**                      5. Ballot Proposition Review

**Legal Authority for Item:**  
SB 506 Eighty Ninth Legislature, Regular Session

**Description/Key Assumptions (including start up/implementation costs and ongoing costs):**  
The legislation requires the Secretary of State's Office to review ballot propositions drafted by a city for certain elections. The bill prescribes a process for a registered voter to request review of a proposition by the Secretary of State's office and respond to the requestor and the city within a short timeframe. If after the initial review the amended proposition is subsequently submitted to the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State again determines that the language is not sufficient, then the Secretary of State must draft the proposition

**State Budget by Program:**                      Election Administration  
**IT Component:**                                      No  
**Involve Contracts > \$50,000:**                      No

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	Exp 2025	Bud 2026	Est 2027	Est 2028	Est 2029
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**Expanded or New Initiative:**                      6.Election Administrative Streamlining

**Legal Authority for Item:**

SB 2753 Eighty Ninth Legislature, Regular Session

**Description/Key Assumptions (including start up/implementation costs and ongoing costs):**

The legislation makes several significant changes to election procedures to establish a single voting period. These changes will apply to an election ordered on or after the date that the Secretary of State releases a report on the implementation of the bill's procedures. As soon as practicable after the bill's effective date, but not later than August 1, 2027, the Secretary of State must adopt rules and prescribe procedures required for implementation and publish a report in the Texas Register stating that the Secretary of State has consulted with county election officials and is confident that the counties are prepared to implement the provisions provided for under the bill.

**State Budget by Program:**                      Election Administration

**IT Component:**                                      No

**Involve Contracts > \$50,000:**                      No



**4.F. Part B Summary of Costs Related to Recently Enacted State Legislation Schedule**  
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Agency name: **Secretary of State**

ITEM	EXPANDED OR NEW INITIATIVE	Exp 2025	Bud 2026	Est 2027	Est 2028	Est 2029
1	Reimbursement for Auditable Voting Systems.	\$0	\$5,018,385	\$0	\$0	\$0
2	Administrative Oversight of County Office Administering Elections or Voter Registration	\$1,271,153	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785	\$1,307,785
3	Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program					
4	Notary Continuing Education Program	\$0	\$786,237	\$370,267	\$578,252	\$578,252
5	Property Deed Fraud					
6	Disaster Charitable Solicitation Program					
7	Expedited Business Services					
8	Interstate Notification					
9	Early Voting Ballot Instructions					
10	Ballot by Mail					
11	Ballot Proposition Review					
12	Election Administrative Streamling					
<b>Total, Cost Related to Expanded or New Initiatives</b>		<b>\$1,271,153</b>	<b>\$7,112,407</b>	<b>\$1,678,052</b>	<b>\$1,886,037</b>	<b>\$1,886,037</b>
<b>METHOD OF FINANCING</b>						
	GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,271,153	\$6,926,170	\$1,507,785	\$1,707,785	\$1,707,785
	OTHER FUNDS	\$0	\$186,237	\$170,267	\$178,252	\$178,252
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>		<b>\$1,271,153</b>	<b>\$7,112,407</b>	<b>\$1,678,052</b>	<b>\$1,886,037</b>	<b>\$1,886,037</b>
 <b>FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENTS (FTES):</b>						
		<b>12.0</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>17.0</b>