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ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

January 27, 2025

Co-Chair Sen. Jonathan Dismang  
Co-Chair Rep. Lane Jean  
Joint Budget Committee

Re: Amended Request for Placement on Committee's Agenda

Dear Co-Chairs:

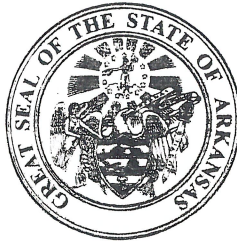
The purpose of this letter is to request that the Office of Secretary of State be placed on the Committee's agenda to request that the employment of Jenny Brooks, wife of Rep. Keith Brooks, be approved, and that any change in pay be retroactive to January 19, 2025, the beginning of pay period three.

Position number- 22160451  
Class code- Q231U  
Title- Project Coordinator I  
Max line item salary- \$67,560.00

Please also find the attached letter from the Governor approving the hiring of Ms. Brooks.

Respectfully yours,

Hannah Banks  
Managing Attorney  
Arkansas Secretary of State  
501-425-8729



STATE OF ARKANSAS  
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS  
GOVERNOR

January 16, 2025

Kevin Niehaus  
Deputy Secretary of State  
Arkansas Secretary of State  
500 Woodlane St.  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Niehaus,

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 21-1-402, the relevant Arkansas law regarding employment of spouses of constitutional officers in state agencies, I approve the employment of Ms. Jenny Brooks, wife of Representative Keith Brooks, to work as a full-time employee for the Arkansas Secretary of State's office.

Specifically, Ark. Code Ann. § 21-1-402(d) requires that any spouse of a constitutional officer obtain approval from the Joint Budget Committee during a legislative session, the Legislative Council between legislative sessions, and the Governor before being reclassified, transferred, or promoted by a state agency.

Therefore, as Governor, I am providing the required approval for Jenny Brooks to work for the Arkansas Secretary of State's office.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Sanders".

Sarah Huckabee Sanders  
Governor of Arkansas