



JOHN THURSTON

ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

August 7, 2024

Co-Chair Sen. Breanne Davis
Co-Chair Rep. Mark Berry
Arkansas Legislative Council- Personnel

Re: Request for August Agenda

Dear Co-Chairs:

The purpose of this letter is to request that the Office of Secretary of State be placed on the August agenda to request that the employment of Jenny Brooks, wife of Rep. Keith Brooks, be approved.

Position number- 22160569
Class code- Q220U
Title- Secretary of State Administrative Assistant I
Max line item salary- \$43,601

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

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Harry", written over a horizontal line.

Michael Harry
General Counsel
Arkansas Secretary of State



STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

August 7, 2024

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(b) 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 taking a job at 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, appearing to read "Sarah Sanders".

Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of Arkansas