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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1041

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
11 THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
17 YEAR.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 *SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established*
24 *for the Secretary of State for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following*
25 *maximum number of regular employees.*
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			<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Annual</i>
			<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
			<i>No. of</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
<i>Item</i>	<i>Class</i>		<i>Employees</i>	<i>2026-2027</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Title</i>		
31	(1) Q171U	SEC OF STATE CHIEF DEPUTY	1	\$160,067
32	(2) Q172U	SEC OF STATE DEPUTY	2	\$143,440
33	(3) Q580U	SEC OF STATE MANAGING DIRECTOR	1	\$132,095
34	(4) Q173U	SEC OF STATE GENERAL COUNSEL	1	\$128,543
35	(5) Q176U	SEC OF STATE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	8	\$115,196
36	(6) Q178U	SEC OF STATE CAPITOL POLICE CHIEF	1	\$115,196



1	(7)	Q581U	SEC OF STATE DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL	1	\$106,659
2	(8)	Q177U	SEC OF STATE ASSOCIATE COUNSEL	1	\$95,356
3	(9)	Q181U	SEC OF STATE POLICE CAPTAIN	1	\$90,000
4	(10)	Q183U	SEC OF STATE DEPARTMENT MANAGER	7	\$86,050
5	(11)	Q440U	SEC OF STATE CAPITOL POLICE LIEUTENANT	1	\$84,000
6	(12)	Q441U	SEC OF STATE TRAINING SERGEANT	1	\$82,500
7	(13)	Q187U	SEC OF STATE POLICE SERGEANT	6	\$78,500
8	(14)	Q197U	SEC OF STATE PROJECT COORDINATOR II	4	\$78,227
9	(15)	Q198U	SEC OF STATE BUSINESS ACCOUNTANT	3	\$74,316
10	(16)	Q201U	SEC OF STATE CORPORAL	44	\$71,295
11	(17)	Q191U	SEC OF STATE ELECTION COORDINATOR	8	\$71,115
12	(18)	Q193U	SEC OF STATE MASTER TRADESPERSON	5	\$71,115
13	(19)	Q212U	SEC OF STATE BLDGS & GRND SUPERVISOR I	5	\$71,115
14	(20)	Q195U	SEC OF STATE INFO TECH ADMINISTRATOR	2	\$69,633
15	(21)	Q194U	SEC OF STATE CREATIVE SPECIALIST III	4	\$69,000
16	(22)	Q582U	SEC OF STATE OFFICE MANAGER	2	\$69,000
17	(23)	Q231U	SEC OF STATE PROJECT COORDINATOR I	3	\$67,560
18	(24)	Q209U	SEC OF STATE TRADESPERSON	4	\$66,607
19	(25)	Q200U	SEC OF STATE CUSTOMER SVCS COORD	1	\$66,607
20	(26)	Q210U	SEC OF STATE CORPORATIONS REP III	4	\$64,650
21	(27)	Q218U	SEC OF STATE BUSINESS ASSISTANT	5	\$62,500
22	(28)	Q203U	SEC OF STATE CREATIVE SPECIALIST II	4	\$61,500
23	(29)	Q208U	SEC OF STATE MAINTENANCE WORKER II	3	\$60,552
24	(30)	Q215U	SEC OF STATE ADMINISTRATIVE ASST III	9	\$58,773
25	(31)	Q219U	SEC OF STATE CORPORATIONS REP II	17	\$53,429
26	(32)	Q216U	SEC OF STATE ADMINISTRATIVE ASST II	7	\$48,645
27	(33)	Q221U	SEC OF STATE FACILITIES SVC REP	14	\$48,645
28	(34)	Q222U	SEC OF STATE MAINTENANCE WORKER I	3	\$48,645
29	(35)	Q225U	SEC OF STATE DISPATCHER	3	\$45,500
30	(36)	Q229U	SEC OF STATE MAIL CLERK	<u>1</u>	\$45,000
31			MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	187	

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33 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for
 34 the Secretary of State - Operations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the
 35 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as
 36 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:

1 forty-five (45) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of
 2 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 3 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 4 classification.

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6 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 7 to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the State Central Services
 8 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Secretary of State
 9 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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11 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
13 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$12,239,181
14 (02) EXTRA HELP	144,909
15 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,406,669
16 (04) OVERTIME	33,000
17 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
18 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,258,525
19 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	65,651
20 (C) PROF. FEES	205,956
21 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	210,000
22 (E) DATA PROC.	0
23 (06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	675,048
24 (07) BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	372,678
25 (08) ELECTION EXPENSES	<u>3,088,029</u>
26 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,699,646</u>

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28 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CAPITOL POLICE. There is hereby
 29 appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the State Central
 30 Services Fund, for operating expenses of the Capitol Police of the Secretary
 31 of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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33 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
34 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
35 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
36 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$692,312

1	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
2	(C) PROF. FEES	0
3	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	157,285
4	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$849,597</u></u>

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7 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CAPITOL GROUNDS MONUMENT/MEMORIAL
 8 PRESERVATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be
 9 payable from the Capitol Grounds Monument And Memorial Preservation Fund, for
 10 various construction and operating expenses for the preservation of Monuments
 11 and Memorials on the State Capitol Grounds by the Secretary of State for the
 12 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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14	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
15	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
16	(01) VARIOUS OPERATING & CONSTRUCTION	
17	EXPENSES FOR MONUMENT/MEMORIAL	
18	PRESERVATION	<u><u>\$77,456</u></u>

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20 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE CAPITOL BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
 21 RESTORATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State,
 22 to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
 23 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, from contributions and
 24 donations for maintenance and restoration projects by the Secretary of State
 25 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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27	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
28	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
29	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
30	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
31	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
32	(C) PROF. FEES	0
33	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
34	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
35	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$25,000</u></u>

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1 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - ADMINISTRATIVE & MAINTENANCE - CASH. There
 2 is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from cash
 3 funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for various operating and
 4 associated expenses for administrative and maintenance expenses for the State
 5 Capitol grounds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

7 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
8 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
9 (01) VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE & MAINTENANCE	
10 EXPENSES	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

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 12 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - FEE AND TAX REFUNDS. There is hereby
 13 appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the Miscellaneous
 14 Revolving Fund, for refunds and reimbursements of corporate filings fees and
 15 franchise taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

17 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
18 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
19 (01) REFUNDS/REIMBURSEMENTS	<u>\$550,000</u>

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 21 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY VOTING SYSTEM GRANT FUND. There is
 22 hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the County
 23 Voting System Grant Fund, for professional fees and services for upgrading or
 24 purchasing county voting systems, grants and aid for voting system equipment,
 25 programming, maintenance or equipment and devices used to view voter
 26 registration records at a polling location and refunds/reimbursements of fees
 27 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

29 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
30 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
31 (01) COUNTY VOTING SYSTEMS GRANT	<u>\$11,000,000</u>

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 33 SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS VIDEO SERVICE ACT. There is
 34 hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the
 35 Arkansas Video Service Fund, for the review and issue of certificates of
 36 franchise authority and refunds/reimbursements of the Arkansas Video Service

1 Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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3 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
4 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
5 (01) ARKANSAS VIDEO SERVICE ACT	<u>\$25,000</u>

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7 SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - NATIONAL STATUARY HALL COLLECTION. There
8 is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the
9 National Statuary Hall Collection Trust Fund, for placement and replacement
10 of Arkansas statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United
11 States Capitol as provided under §1-4-134 for the fiscal year ending June 30,
12 2027, the sum of.....\$750,000.

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14 SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT - FEDERAL. There is
15 hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the
16 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
17 expenditures requiring state matching for maintenance, operating expenses and
18 associated costs for the Help America Vote Act for the fiscal year ending
19 June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$4,000,000.

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21 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - GIFT SHOP AND CAFE. There is hereby
22 appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the cash funds as
23 defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for personal services and miscellaneous
24 operating expenses of the Gift Shop and Cafe of the Secretary of State for
25 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$490,000.

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27 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES ELECTRONIC
28 FILING SYSTEM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to
29 be payable from the Secretary of State Business and Commercial Services
30 Electronic Filing System Fund, for the maintenance and support of the
31 business and commercial services electronic filing system of the Business and
32 Commercial Services Electronic Filing System for the fiscal year ending June
33 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$1,080,000.

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35 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - SECURITY. There is hereby appropriated, to
36 the Secretary of State, to be payable from the cash funds deposited in the

1 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
2 security of the Arkansas State Capitol and grounds for the fiscal year ending
3 June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$3,100,000.
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5 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - HVAC UPGRADE. There is hereby
6 appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the cash funds
7 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
8 the State, for HVAC upgrade to North End of State Capitol building for the
9 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$9,100,000.
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11 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
12 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
13 TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer
14 of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
15 Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any
16 line item authorized in Operations appropriation to any other line item
17 authorized in Operations appropriation.

18 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
19 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.
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21 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
23 PERMANENT GIFT SHOP. The Arkansas Secretary of State shall operate a gift
24 shop to be permanently located in a space on the first floor of the State
25 Capitol Building. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to maintain
26 a space on the first floor of the State Capitol Building for the use of a
27 gift shop. The Arkansas Secretary of State is prohibited from removing a
28 gift shop from the first floor of the State Capitol Building or to nullify or
29 void the provisions of this section. A space on the first floor of the State
30 Capitol Building shall be the only location for the Arkansas Secretary of
31 State gift shop operations and shall be the only location items of the
32 Arkansas Secretary of State gift shop are sold to the public.
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34 SECTION 19. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
35 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
36 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

1 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
2 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
3 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
4 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
5 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
6 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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8 SECTION 20. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
9 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
10 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
11 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
12 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
13 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
14 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
15 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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17 SECTION 21. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
18 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
19 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
20 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
21 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
22 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
23 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
24 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
25 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
26 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
27 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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29 /s/ Joint Budget Committee
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