

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
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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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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
31	(1) Q171U	SEC OF STATE CHIEF DEPUTY	1	\$145,515
32	(2) Q172U	SEC OF STATE DEPUTY	2	\$130,400
33	(3) Q174U	SEC OF STATE SENIOR INFO TECHNICIAN	1	\$120,086
34	(4) Q173U	SEC OF STATE GENERAL COUNSEL	1	\$116,857
35	(5) Q175U	SEC OF STATE INFO TECHNICIAN	1	\$107,930
36	(6) Q178U	SEC OF STATE CAPITOL POLICE CHIEF	1	\$104,724



1	(7)	Q176U	SEC OF STATE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	7	\$104,724
2	(8)	Q177U	SEC OF STATE ASSOCIATE COUNSEL	1	\$93,852
3	(9)	Q179U	SEC OF STATE SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	\$86,688
4	(10)	Q184U	SEC OF STATE BUDGET ANALYST	1	\$84,110
5	(11)	Q183U	SEC OF STATE DEPARTMENT MANAGER	1	\$84,110
6	(12)	Q182U	SEC OF STATE SENIOR SUPERVISOR	1	\$84,110
7	(13)	Q181U	SEC OF STATE CAPITOL POLICE CAPTAIN	1	\$84,110
8	(14)	Q440U	SEC OF STATE CAPITOL POLICE LT	1	\$80,000
9	(15)	Q441U	SEC OF STATE TRAINING SERGEANT	1	\$78,500
10	(16)	Q190U	SEC OF STATE INFO TECH ANALYST	1	\$77,694
11	(17)	Q185U	SEC OF STATE PROGRAMMER ANALYST	2	\$77,694
12	(18)	Q197U	SEC OF STATE PROJECT COORDINATOR II	3	\$75,382
13	(19)	Q192U	SEC OF STATE DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR	2	\$75,382
14	(20)	Q188U	SEC OF STATE TRADE SUPERVISOR	2	\$75,382
15	(21)	Q187U	SEC OF STATE POLICE SERGEANT	6	\$75,382
16	(22)	Q186U	SEC OF STATE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	3	\$75,382
17	(23)	Q195U	SEC OF STATE INFO TECH ADMIN	2	\$69,633
18	(24)	Q231U	SEC OF STATE PROJECT COORDINATOR I	4	\$67,560
19	(25)	Q212U	SEC OF STATE BLDGS & GRND SPVR I	3	\$67,560
20	(26)	Q201U	SEC OF STATE POLICE CORPORAL	39	\$67,560
21	(27)	Q198U	SEC OF STATE BUSINESS ACCOUNTANT II	3	\$67,560
22	(28)	Q194U	SEC OF STATE CREATIVE SPEC III	1	\$67,560
23	(29)	Q193U	SEC OF STATE MASTER TRADESPERSON	2	\$67,560
24	(30)	Q191U	SEC OF STATE ELECTION COORDINATOR	5	\$67,560
25	(31)	Q180U	SEC OF STATE PUBLIC EVENTS COORD	1	\$67,560
26	(32)	Q199U	SEC OF STATE INFO TECH SPECIALIST	1	\$62,411
27	(33)	Q210U	SEC OF STATE CORPORATIONS REP III	4	\$60,552
28	(34)	Q209U	SEC OF STATE TRADESPERSON	2	\$60,552
29	(35)	Q208U	SEC OF STATE MAINTENANCE WORKER II	4	\$60,552
30	(36)	Q204U	SEC OF STATE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	4	\$60,552
31	(37)	Q203U	SEC OF STATE CREATIVE SPECIALIST II	2	\$60,552
32	(38)	Q202U	SEC OF STATE VOTER SVCS ADMIN	2	\$60,552
33	(39)	Q200U	SEC OF STATE CUSTOMER SVCS COORD II	3	\$60,552
34	(40)	Q215U	SEC OF STATE ADMIN ASST III	7	\$54,271
35	(41)	Q214U	SEC OF STATE FACILITIES SVC REP II	1	\$54,271
36	(42)	Q213U	SEC OF STATE CREATIVE SPECIALIST I	1	\$54,271

1	(43)	Q211U	SEC OF STATE RECORDS SPECIALIST	2	\$54,271
2	(44)	Q206U	SEC OF STATE BLDG SVCS COORDINATOR	1	\$54,271
3	(45)	Q222U	SEC OF STATE MAINTENANCE WORKER I	4	\$48,645
4	(46)	Q221U	SEC OF STATE FACILITIES SVC REP I	4	\$48,645
5	(47)	Q219U	SEC OF STATE CORPORATIONS REP II	11	\$48,645
6	(48)	Q218U	SEC OF STATE BUSINESS ASSISTANT I	3	\$48,645
7	(49)	Q216U	SEC OF STATE ADMIN ASST II	3	\$48,645
8	(50)	Q229U	SEC OF STATE MAIL CLERK	1	\$43,601
9	(51)	Q225U	SEC OF STATE DISPATCHER	3	\$43,601
10	(52)	Q224U	SEC OF STATE CUSTODIAN II	1	\$43,601
11	(53)	Q223U	SEC OF STATE CORPORATIONS REP I	4	\$43,601
12	(54)	Q220U	SEC OF STATE ADMINISTRATIVE ASST I	5	\$43,601
13	(55)	Q227U	SEC OF STATE CUSTODIAN I	5	\$39,081
14	(56)	Q226U	SEC OF STATE BLDG SVCS REP	2	\$39,081
15	(57)	Q230U	SEC OF STATE RECEPTIONIST I	<u>1</u>	\$36,845
16		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		182	

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18 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for

19 the Secretary of State - Operations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the

20 following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as

21 "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:

22 forty-five (45) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of

23 pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and

24 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate

25 classification.

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27 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,

28 to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the State Central Services

29 Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Secretary of State

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

32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
34	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$11,883,606
35	(02) EXTRA HELP	144,909
36	(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,264,439

1	(04) OVERTIME	33,000
2	(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
3	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,258,525
4	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	65,651
5	(C) PROF. FEES	205,956
6	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	210,000
7	(E) DATA PROC.	0
8	(06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	675,048
9	(07) BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	372,678
10	(08) ELECTION EXPENSES	<u>3,088,029</u>
11	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$25,201,841</u></u>

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13 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CAPITOL POLICE. There is hereby

14 appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the State Central

15 Services Fund, for operating expenses of the Capitol Police of the Secretary

16 of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
20	(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
21	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$692,312
22	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
23	(C) PROF. FEES	0
24	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	157,285
25	(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
26	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$849,597</u></u>

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28 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CAPITOL GROUNDS MONUMENT/MEMORIAL

29 PRESERVATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be

30 payable from the Capitol Grounds Monument And Memorial Preservation Fund, for

31 various construction and operating expenses for the preservation of Monuments

32 and Memorials on the State Capitol Grounds by the Secretary of State for the

33 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>

1 (01) VARIOUS OPERATING & CONSTRUCTION
 2 EXPENSES FOR MONUMENT/MEMORIAL
 3 PRESERVATION \$77,456
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5 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE CAPITOL BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
 6 RESTORATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State,
 7 to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
 8 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, from contributions and
 9 donations for maintenance and restoration projects by the Secretary of State
 10 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

12 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
13 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
14 (01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
15 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
16 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
17 (C) PROF. FEES	0
18 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
19 (E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
20 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,000</u>

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

28 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
29 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
30 (01) VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE & MAINTENANCE	
31 EXPENSES	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

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

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

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

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

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS VIDEO SERVICE ACT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the Arkansas Video Service Fund, for the review and issue of certificates of franchise authority and refunds/reimbursements of the Arkansas Video Service Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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

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

SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the

1 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
2 expenditures requiring state matching for maintenance, operating expenses and
3 associated costs for the Help America Vote Act for the fiscal year ending
4 June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$4,000,000.
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6 SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - GIFT SHOP AND CAFE. There is hereby
7 appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the cash funds as
8 defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for personal services and miscellaneous
9 operating expenses of the Gift Shop and Cafe of the Secretary of State for
10 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$490,000.
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12 SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION - BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES ELECTRONIC
13 FILING SYSTEM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to
14 be payable from the Secretary of State Business and Commercial Services
15 Electronic Filing System Fund, for the maintenance and support of the
16 business and commercial services electronic filing system of the Business and
17 Commercial Services Electronic Filing System for the fiscal year ending June
18 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$1,080,000.
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20 SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - SECURITY. There is hereby appropriated, to
21 the Secretary of State, to be payable from the cash funds deposited in the
22 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
23 security of the Arkansas State Capitol and grounds for the fiscal year ending
24 June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$3,100,000.
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26 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - HVAC UPGRADE. There is hereby
27 appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the cash funds
28 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
29 the State, for HVAC upgrade to North End of State Capitol building for the
30 fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$9,100,000.
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32 SECTION 17. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
34 TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer
35 of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint
36 Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any

1 line item authorized in Operations appropriation to any other line item
2 authorized in Operations appropriation.

3 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~
4 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

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6 SECTION 18. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

8 PERMANENT GIFT SHOP. The Arkansas Secretary of State shall operate a gift
9 shop to be permanently located in a space on the first floor of the State
10 Capitol Building. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to maintain
11 a space on the first floor of the State Capitol Building for the use of a
12 gift shop. The Arkansas Secretary of State is prohibited from removing a
13 gift shop from the first floor of the State Capitol Building or to nullify or
14 void the provisions of this section. A space on the first floor of the State
15 Capitol Building shall be the only location for the Arkansas Secretary of
16 State gift shop operations and shall be the only location items of the
17 Arkansas Secretary of State gift shop are sold to the public.

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19 SECTION 19. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
20 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
21 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
22 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
23 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
24 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
25 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
26 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
27 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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