SECRETARY OF STATE (0063) FISCAL YEAR 2015

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES Mission

The Secretary of State's primary responsibilities are: maintain acts of the Governor, record acts of General Assembly, maintain reports of corporations, serve as Chief Election Official and maintain Capitol grounds.

Total Budget

The total budget is \$27,313,575 for FY2015.

Funding Source

The Secretary of State is funded by the State Central Services Fund, Federal Funds, and Cash Funds.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

Operations Appropriations-State Central Services

• \$19,255,761 for FY2015 which is an increase over base level of \$702,080 for increases in Professional Fees, Special Maintenance and Petition Verification

Corporate Filing & Refund-Special Revenue

• \$550,000 which is \$100,000 over base level for refund of over payments of various receipts

Federal Voting Assistance Program-Federal Funds

• New appropriation of \$94,000 to research and develop on ballot access to Arkansans stationed overseas.

III) POSITIONS

Total Positions FY2015:162

Total Positions FY2014:162

Total Budgeted Positions FY2013: 162

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

<u>Reimbursement.</u> Provides that the Miscellaneous Revolving Fund shall be reimbursed in the manner provided by law.

State Capitol Police. Provides that if Secretary of State determines that there are sufficient revenues, then additional salary payments may be made to those employees who have attained law enforcement certification above the basic certification level, as defined by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards.

<u>Transfer Provision.</u> Allows transfer between line items in each of the Operations appropriations.

<u>Voter ID.</u> Requires reporting involving the Voter ID Program. The SOS must report total amount of monies spent on the program and the number of Voter ID's that were distributed.