



JOHN THURSTON

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ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

March 13, 2024

Honorable Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Honorable Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Dismang and Representative Jean:

The Secretary of State Office (SOS) respectfully requests the following appropriation:
The Arkansas Secretary of State's office respectfully requests appropriation for fiscal year 2025 in the amount of \$1,080,000.00.

In accordance with SB20, Act 459, under headline "Processing fees collected under§ 26-54-104(b) (1), Section 3:

(a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a special revenue fund to be known as the "Secretary of State Business and Commercial Services Electric Filing System Fund".

(c) The fund shall be used by the Secretary of State to pay for the maintenance and support of the business and commercial services electronic filing system of the Secretary of State.

(d) The fund may be used by the Secretary of State to issue refunds and reimbursements of processing fees collected for the annual franchise tax.

We would like to remove the appropriation Section 13 - Filing & Reporting Systems in the amount of \$1,083,697.

The Secretary of State Business and Commercial Services Electric Filing System is anticipated to start collections in October 2024.

We appreciate your consideration and service to our state. Should you have questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of John Thurston in cursive script.
John Thurston
Secretary of State

Hall of the House of Representatives

94th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2024

Amendment Form

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Subtitle of House Bill No. 1035

AN ACT FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill No. 1035

Amend House Bill No. 1035 as originally introduced:

Page 6, delete SECTION 13 in its entirety

AND

Page 7, immediately following SECTION 14 add the following SECTION:

"SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the Secretary of State Business and Commercial Services Electronic Filing System Fund, for the maintenance and support of the business and commercial services electronic filing system of the Business and Commercial Services Electronic Filing System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the sum of.....\$1,080,000"

AND

Appropriately renumber all SECTIONS of the bill.

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The Amendment was read _____
By: Joint Budget Committee
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Chief Clerk