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ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

February 12, 2026

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 Arkansas Secretary of State's office (SOS) respectfully requests the following appropriation changes for our 2026-2027 budget:

The Secretary of State office's requests the addition of five Arkansas Capitol Police Corporal positions. These positions will add security to the Winthrop Rockefeller Building at the request of the Department of Shared Administrative Services. We will provide security during work hours and for some after hour events. We request an additional \$355,575 in regular salaries and \$142,230 in personal matching services for these police hires.

We have changed several of our job titles to better reflect the duties of the office. Additionally, we have adjusted the maximum annual salary rate for individual positions to reflect what was done in the previous session with the Governor's pay plan. We are not requesting any additional funds for these changes.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(1)	Q171U	SEC OF STATE CHIEF DEPUTY	1	\$160,067
(2)	Q172U	SEC OF STATE DEPUTY	2	\$143,440
(3)		SEC OF STATE MANAGING DIRECTOR	1	\$132,095
(4)	Q173U	SEC OF STATE GENERAL COUNSEL	1	\$128,543
(5)	Q176U	SEC OF STATE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	8	\$115,196
(6)	Q178U	SEC OF STATE CAPITOL POLICE CHIEF	1	\$115,196
(7)		SEC OF STATE DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL	1	\$106,659
(8)	Q177U	SEC OF STATE ASSOCIATE COUNSEL	1	\$95,356
(9)	Q181U	SEC OF STATE POLICE CAPTAIN	1	\$90,000
(10)	Q183U	SEC OF STATE DEPARTMENT MANAGER	7	\$86,050
(11)	Q440U	SEC OF STATE CAPITOL POLICE LIEUTENANT	1	\$84,000

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

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

Sincerely,



Cole Jester
Secretary of State

Hall of the House of Representatives

95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026

Amendment Form

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Subtitle of House Bill 1041

AN ACT FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to House Bill 1041

Amend House Bill 1041 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete SECTION 1 in its entirety and replace with:

" SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Secretary of State for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

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AND

Page 3, line 34, delete "\$11,883,606" and replace with "\$12,239,181"

AND

Page 3, line 36, delete "4,264,439" and replace with "4,406,669"

AND

Page 4, line 11, delete "\$25,201,841" and replace with "\$25,699,646".

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