



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
LESLIE RUTLEDGE

February 20, 2026

The Hon. Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
The Hon. Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee

Dear Senator Dismang & Representative Jean,

I respectfully request the following changes to FY27 for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, to ensure consistency with the new FY26 State Pay Plan and current market rate adjustments. Specifically, I am requesting an increase in appropriations for regular salaries of \$283,610 and increase in personal services matching of \$65,230 for a total increase in appropriation of \$348,840.

Please delete SECTION 1. Regular Salaries – Operations in its entirety and replace with the following number accordingly:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES – OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Class Code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Maximum No. of Employees</u>	<u>Maximum Annual Salary Rate FY 2026-2027</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>Q540U</u>	<u>Chief of Staff/Legal Counsel</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE EXE01</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>Q541U</u>	<u>Communications/Policy Director</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE SPC06</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>Q543U</u>	<u>Lt. Gov. Security Officer</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>GRADE LES07</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>Q542U</u>	<u>Executive Assistant/Scheduler</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE SGS07</u>
		<u>Max. No. of Employees</u>	<u>5</u>	

The above request is necessary to align the Lieutenant Governor’s Office positions with the grades outlined in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act.

Thank you for considering this request and for your committee's dedicated service to our State. Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Leslie Rutledge
Lieutenant Governor

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Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 29

AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR APPROPRIATION FOR
THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 29

Amend Senate Bill 29 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 31, delete "\$104,500" and replace with "GRADE EXE01"

AND

Page 1, line 32, delete "\$77,000" and replace with "GRADE SPC06"

AND

Page 1, line 33, delete "\$75,000" and replace with "GRADE LES07"

AND

Page 1, line 34, delete "\$44,000" and replace with "GRADE SGS07"

AND

Page 2, line 9, delete "\$379,600" and replace with "\$663,210"

AND

Page 2, line 10, delete "129,773" and replace with "195,003"

AND

Page 2, line 17, delete "\$572,911" and replace with "\$921,751".

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Joint Budget Committee

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Secretary

Lieutenant Governor FY27 Requested Changes

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR -OPERATIONS (STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND)

CURRENT ACT FY26			FY27 Requested Grade	FY27 Requested Grade Range	\$ Difference from LIM to Grade Max	% Change From LIM to Grade Max
1	CHIEF OF STAFF / LEGAL COUNSEL	1	EXE01	\$141,125 to \$191,930	\$87,430	83.67%
2	COMMUNICIATIONS / POLICY DIRECTOR	1	SPC06	\$94,537 to \$139,915	\$62,915	81.71%
3	LT. GOV. SECURITY OFFICER	2	LES07	\$81,887 to \$121,193	\$46,193	61.59%
4	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT / SCHEDULER	1	SGS07	\$57,351 to \$84,879	\$40,879	92.91%

MAX NO. OF EMPLOYEES 5

Note: The request takes the classifications from Line Item Maximums to the current Pay Grades structure. The \$ Difference and % Change are based on the difference between the current Line Item Max and the Maximum of the pay grade requested.

CURRENT ACT FY26		FY27 Request	\$ Difference	% Change
1	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 379,600	\$ 663,210.00	\$283,610 74.71%
2	EXTRA HELP			
3	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	\$ 129,773	\$ 195,003.00	\$65,230 50.26%
4	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION			
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$ 52,304	52,304	\$0 0.00%
	(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	\$ 11,234	11,234	\$0 0.00%
	(C) PROF. FEES	\$ -		
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	\$ -		
	(E) DATA PROC.	\$ -		
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	\$ 572,911	\$ 921,751.00	\$348,840 60.89%