

State of Arkansas

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A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1147

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Secretary of State for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following
maximum number of regular employees.

				Maximum Annual
				Salary Rate
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year	
No.	Code	Title	Employees	2025-2026
(1)	Q171U	SEC OF STATE CHIEF DEPUTY	1	\$145,515
(2)	Q172U	SEC OF STATE DEPUTY	2	\$130,400
(3)	Q174U	SEC OF STATE SENIOR INFO TECHNICIAN	1	\$120,086
(4)	Q173U	SEC OF STATE GENERAL COUNSEL	1	\$116,857
(5)	Q175U	SEC OF STATE INFO TECHNICIAN	1	\$107,930
(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 LIEUTENANT	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 ADMINISTRATOR	2	\$69,633
18	(24)	Q231U SEC OF STATE PROJECT COORDINATOR I	4	\$67,560
19	(25)	Q212U SEC OF STATE BLDGS & GRND SUPERVISOR 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 SPECIALIST 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 ADMINISTRATOR	2	\$60,552
33	(39)	Q200U SEC OF STATE CUSTOMER SVCS COORD II	3	\$60,552
34	(40)	Q215U SEC OF STATE ADMINISTRATIVE 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 ADMINISTRATIVE 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 2025-2026 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, 2026, the following:

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32	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
33	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</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>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - CAPITOL POLICE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for operating expenses of the Capitol Police of the Secretary of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

18	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
19	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</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>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CAPITOL GROUNDS MONUMENT/MEMORIAL PRESERVATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the Capitol Grounds Monument And Memorial Preservation Fund, for various construction and operating expenses for the preservation of Monuments and Memorials on the State Capitol Grounds by the Secretary of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

35	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
36	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>

(01) VARIOUS OPERATING & CONSTRUCTION
EXPENSES FOR MONUMENT/MEMORIAL
PRESERVATION

\$77,456

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS STATE CAPITOL BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
RESTORATION - CASH. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State,
to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, from contributions and
donations for maintenance and restoration projects by the Secretary of State
for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$25,000
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,000</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - ADMINISTRATIVE & MAINTENANCE - CASH. There
is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from cash
funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for various operating and
associated expenses for administrative and maintenance expenses for the State
Capitol grounds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE & MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - FEE AND TAX REFUNDS. There is hereby
appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the Miscellaneous
Revolving Fund, for refunds and reimbursements of corporate filings fees and
franchise taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</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, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</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, 2026, 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, 2026, 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, 2026, 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, 2026, 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, 2025, the sum of.....\$3,100,000.
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26 SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - SECURITY. There is hereby appropriated to
27 the Secretary of State, to be payable from the cash funds deposited in the
28 State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
29 security of the Arkansas State Capitol and grounds for the fiscal year ending
30 June 30, 2026, the sum of.....\$3,100,000.
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32 SECTION 17. APPROPRIATION - HVAC UPGRADE. There is hereby
33 appropriated to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the cash funds
34 deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
35 the State, for HVAC upgrade to North End of State Capitol building for the
36 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the sum of.....\$9,100,000.

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

TRANSFER PROVISION. After receiving approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee, the Agency is authorized to transfer appropriation from any line item authorized in Operations appropriation to any other line item authorized in Operations appropriation.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 19. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

SECTION 20. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

FUNDING TRANSFER - SECURITY. Immediately upon the effective date of this section, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of three million, one hundred thousand dollars (\$3,100,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund to the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury to provide funds for security of the Arkansas State Capitol and grounds.

The provisions for this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

1 SECTION 21. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
2 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
3 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
4 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
5 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
6 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
7 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
8 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
9 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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11 SECTION 22. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
12 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
13 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
14 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
15 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
16 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
17 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
18 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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20 SECTION 23. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
21 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
22 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
23 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
24 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided; with the
25 exception that Sections 15 and 20 in this Act shall be in full force and
26 effect from and after the date of its passage and approval; and that in the
27 event of an extension of the Session, the delay in the effective date of this
28 Act beyond July 1, 2026, with the exception that Sections 15 and 20 in this
29 Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage
30 and approval, could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and
31 provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is
32 hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate
33 preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force
34 and effect from and after July 1, 2026; with the exception of Sections 15 and
35 20 in this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of
36 its passage and approval.

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