

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
Act 125 of the Fiscal Session

State of Arkansas  
95th General Assembly  
Fiscal Session, 2026

As Engrossed: H4/21/26

**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1041

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, 2027; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

AN ACT FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.*

<i>Item</i>	<i>Class</i>		<i>Maximum</i>	<i>Maximum Annual</i>
<i>No.</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>No. of</i>	<i>Salary Rate</i>
			<i>Employees</i>	<i>Fiscal Year</i>
				<i>2026-2027</i>
(1)	Q171U	SEC OF STATE CHIEF DEPUTY	1	\$160,067
(2)	Q172U	SEC OF STATE DEPUTY	2	\$143,440
(3)	Q580U	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)	Q581U	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 I	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)	Q582U	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
(28)	Q203U	SEC OF STATE CREATIVE SPECIALIST II	4	\$61,500
(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
(34)	Q222U	SEC OF STATE MAINTENANCE WORKER I	3	\$48,645
(35)	Q225U	SEC OF STATE DISPATCHER	3	\$45,500
(36)	Q229U	SEC OF STATE MAIL CLERK	<u>1</u>	\$45,000
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	187	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Secretary of State - Operations for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes:

forty-five (45) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Secretary of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$12,239,181
(02) EXTRA HELP	144,909
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	4,406,669
(04) OVERTIME	33,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	4,258,525
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	65,651
(C) PROF. FEES	205,956
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	210,000
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) SPECIAL MAINTENANCE	675,048
(07) BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	372,678
(08) ELECTION EXPENSES	<u>3,088,029</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$25,699,646</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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	\$692,312

(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	157,285
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</u>
(01) VARIOUS OPERATING & CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES FOR MONUMENT/MEMORIAL PRESERVATION	<u><u>\$77,456</u></u>

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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</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><u>\$25,000</u></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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(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, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(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, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2026-2027</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, 2027, 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 federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenditures requiring state matching for maintenance, operating expenses and associated costs for the Help America Vote Act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$4,000,000.

SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - GIFT SHOP AND CAFE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the cash funds as defined by Arkansas Code §19-4-801, for personal services and miscellaneous operating expenses of the Gift Shop and Cafe of the Secretary of State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$490,000.

SECTION 14. 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, 2027, the sum of.....\$1,080,000.

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATION - SECURITY. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the cash funds deposited in the

State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for security of the Arkansas State Capitol and grounds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$3,100,000.

SECTION 16. APPROPRIATION - HVAC UPGRADE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Secretary of State, to be payable from the cash funds deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for HVAC upgrade to North End of State Capitol building for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the sum of.....\$9,100,000.

SECTION 17. 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, ~~2025~~ 2026 through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

SECTION 18. 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 19. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and

the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 20. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 21. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

*/s/ Joint Budget Committee*

**APPROVED: 4/29/26**