Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

SENATE BILL NO. 2002
(Appropriations Committee)
(At the request of the Governor)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the office of the secretary of state and public printing; to provide exemptions; to amend and reenact section 54-09-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the salary of the secretary of state; to provide for legislative management studies; and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and other income, to the secretary of state for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the secretary of state and public printing, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, as follows:

Subdivision 1.

SECRETARY OF STATE

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Salaries and wages	$3,753,869	$1,149,645	$4,903,514
Accrued leave payments	82,831	(82,831)	0
Operating expenses	2,579,597	3,153,698	5,733,295
Petition review	8,000	0	8,000
Election reform	5,143,115	(2,439,580)	2,703,535
Total all funds	$11,567,412	$1,780,932	$13,348,344
Less estimated income	5,844,417	(2,260,881)	3,583,536
Total general fund	$5,722,995	$4,041,813	$9,764,808
Full-time equivalent positions	28.00	6.00	34.00

Subdivision 2.

SECRETARY OF STATE - PUBLIC PRINTING

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Public printing	$320,500	$0	$320,500
Total general fund	$320,500	$0	$320,500

Subdivision 3.

BILL TOTAL

	Base Level	Adjustments or Enhancements	Appropriation
Grand total general fund	$6,043,495	$4,041,813	$10,085,308
Grand total special funds	5,844,417	(2,260,881)	3,583,536
Grand total all funds	$11,887,912	$1,780,932	$13,668,844

SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - EFFECT ON BASE BUDGET- REPORT TO SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. The following amounts reflect the one-time funding items approved by the sixty-third legislative assembly for the 2013-15 biennium and the 2015-17 one-time funding items included in the appropriation of section 1 of this Act:

One-Time Funding Description	2013-15	2015-17
Funding for three new full-time equivalent positions	$283,754	$0
Overtime funding	225,600	0
Multipurpose copier	10,000	0
Information technology hosting charges	84,000	0
Technology project	0	3,050,000
Total general fund	$603,354	$3,050,000

The 2015-17 one-time funding amounts are not part of the entity's base budget for the 2017-19 biennium. The secretary of state shall report to the appropriations committees of the sixty-fifth legislative assembly on the use of the one-time funding for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

SECTION 3. EXEMPTION - GENERAL SERVICES OPERATING FUND. Any unexpended and unobligated balance remaining in the secretary of state's general services operating fund on June 30, 2015, is not subject to the provisions of section 54-09-08, and any unexpended funds are available and may be expended by the secretary of state, during the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, for the database and processing platform migration project.

SECTION 4. EXEMPTION. The amounts appropriated to the secretary of state in subdivision 2 of section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2023, as approved by the sixty-fourth legislative assembly, are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11. Any unexpended funds from these appropriations are available for completing the central indexing computer project and the business process modeling services contract during the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT. Section 54-09-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-09-05. Salary of secretary of state.

The annual salary of the secretary of state is ~~ninety-six thousand seven hundred ninety-four dollars through June 30, 2014, and ninety-nine thousand six hundred ninety-eight~~one hundred two thousand six hundred eighty-nine dollars through June 30, 2016, and one hundred five thousand seven hundred seventy dollars thereafter.

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - USE OF SOFTWARE BY SECRETARY OF STATE. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of the secretary of state's office utilizing software which would allow employees of the office to monitor and report billable hours in order to improve efficiency and productivity within the secretary of state's office. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, along with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

SECTION 7. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - CONSOLIDATION OF ELECTIONS. During the 2015-16 interim, the legislative management shall consider studying the feasibility and desirability of consolidating all political subdivision and school district elections with the statewide primary election and the holding of all special elections on other specified dates during any year. If the legislative management conducts the study, the legislative management shall seek input and participation from the secretary of state; representatives of cities, counties, school districts, and other political subdivisions; and representatives of political parties. The legislative management shall report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the sixty-fifth legislative assembly.

SECTION 8. EMERGENCY. Section 4 of this Act is declared to be an emergency measure.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2002 and that two-thirds of the members-elect of the Senate voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

President of the Senate

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that two-thirds of the members-elect of the House of Representatives voted in favor of said law.

Vote: Yeas 88 Nays 3 Absent 3

Speaker of the House

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at 9:06 A.M. on April 23, 2015.

Approved at 2:56 P.M. on April 23, 2015.

Governor

Filed in this office this 23 day of April, 2015,

at 4:12 o'clock P.M.

Secretary of State