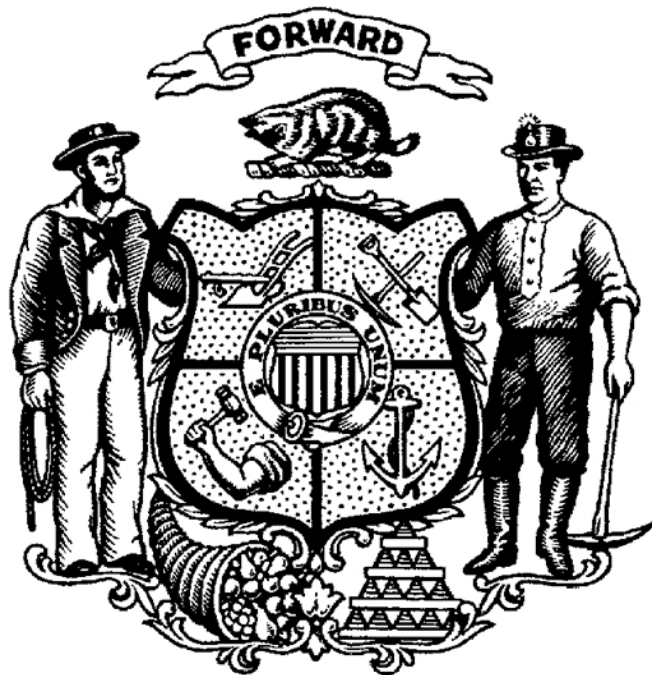


# State of Wisconsin

Secretary of State



Agency Budget Request

2023 – 2025 Biennium

September 15, 2022

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**DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE**

**SECRETARY OF STATE**  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**

September 15, 2022

The Honorable Tony Evers  
Governor, State of Wisconsin  
115 East, State Capitol  
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Evers:

I am pleased to submit the 2023-25 biennial budget request for the Office of the Secretary of State. This request seeks to restore resources eliminated under 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, without which the Office is unable to fulfill its duties under the Wisconsin Constitution and to perform responsibilities assigned to it by law; and increase the supplies and services budget for required advances in technology and customer-facing improvements. Specifically, this budget requests:

- Position authority and associated funding for Deputy Secretary of State and office operations associate positions, the former of which would be appointed by the Secretary of State; and
- Supplies and services authority of both a one-time and ongoing nature associated with the relocation of the Office of the Secretary of State from the basement of the State Capitol to an office of suitable size and location to serve the public.
- Supplies and services authority for translation services, bringing scanning services in-house, and developing and maintaining a program for accepting credit card payments for apostille and authentication services

My staff and I are available to answer questions or to clarify points in this budget request. I thank you and the hardworking people in the State Budget Office for your consideration of the items in this request.

Sincerely,

  
Doug La Follette  
Secretary

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## **AGENCY DESCRIPTION**

The office is headed by an elected, constitutional officer, and is required by Wisconsin's Constitution to maintain the official acts of the Legislature and Governor, and to keep the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin and affix it to all official acts of the Governor. In addition, the Secretary of State administers program responsibilities set forth in Wisconsin Statutes, including issuing authentications and apostilles; recording official acts of the Legislature and the Governor; and filing oaths of office and deeds for state lands and buildings. All of these services are critical to Wisconsin's business, legal and real estate communities, as well as to other members of the public statewide, domestically, and internationally.

## **MISSION**

The mission of the office is to provide high-quality, cost-effective service to Wisconsin's citizens, governments, businesses, and visitors. The office is committed to effectively utilizing personnel, fiscal and technological resources to administer program responsibilities, and welcomes input from the public it serves to upgrade services offered. The office values its dedicated staff, and seeks to provide the tools, resources, and supportive working environment essential to assuring continued excellent service.

## **PROGRAMS, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Program 1: Managing and Operating Program Responsibilities**

#### Authentications and Apostilles

Goal: Provide proper authentication of notaries public and other public official signatures/seals to all documents requiring such validation promptly and professionally.

Objective/Activity: Maintain a comprehensive database of completed apostilles (as required by the Hague Convention) and authentications, as well as comprehensive records of public officials used for certification. Track and maintain an accurate list of countries requiring certification in an apostille format as determined by international treaty. Remain current on standards and policies for providing this service as set by the Hague Convention and individual countries.

#### Preservation and Accessibility of State Records

Goal: Ensure that important and historical state records are preserved and electronically available to the public.

Objective/Activity: Continue to explore and integrate new, emerging technologies to meet industry standards and public expectations for ease and speed of access to state records.

#### Legislative Acts

Goal: Inform various state agencies of new joint resolutions and constitutional amendments and maintain and bind the acts into books.

Objective/Activity: Provide various state agencies with information and documentation of publications in a timely manner. Maintain a complete log of new state laws, constitutional changes and joint resolutions and have new legislation acts bound into books.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

### 2021 AND 2022 GOALS AND ACTUALS<sup>1</sup>

<b>Prog. No.</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Goal 2021</b>	<b>Actual 2021</b>	<b>Goal 2022</b>	<b>Actual 2022</b>
1.	Authentications/apostilles affixed.	14,627	11,227	14,627	11,416

Note: Based on fiscal year.

<sup>1</sup>The decline in the goals result from the ongoing international impact from the continuing coronavirus pandemic.

### 2023 2024 AND 2025 GOALS<sup>2</sup>

<b>Prog. No.</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Goal 2023</b>	<b>Goal 2024</b>	<b>Goal 2025</b>
1.	Authentications/apostilles affixed.	14,627	14,627	14,627

Note: Based on fiscal year.

<sup>2</sup>The goal count of authentications/apostilles is based on current estimations; actual results are subject to the uncertainties of the coronavirus pandemic.



# Office of the Secretary of State

## Organization Chart



As of: 9/15/2022



# Agency Total by Fund Source

Secretary of State

2325 Biennial

		ANNUAL SUMMARY						BIENNIAL SUMMARY			
Source of Funds		Prior Year Total	Adjusted Base	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE	Base Year Doubled (BYD)	Biennial Request	Change From (BYD)	Change From BYD %
PR	S	\$280,479	\$288,100	\$492,300	\$507,100	4.00	4.00	\$576,200	\$999,400	\$423,200	73.40%
<b>Total</b>		\$280,479	\$288,100	\$492,300	\$507,100	4.00	4.00	\$576,200	\$999,400	\$423,200	73.40%
<b>Grand Total</b>		\$280,479	\$288,100	\$492,300	\$507,100	4.00	4.00	\$576,200	\$999,400	\$423,200	73.40%

# Agency Total by Program

2325 Biennial Budget

Secretary of State

		ANNUAL SUMMARY					BIENNIAL SUMMARY			
Source of Funds	Prior Year Total	Adjusted Base	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE	Base Year Doubled (BYD)	Biennial Request	Change From (BYD)	Change From BYD %
<b>01 Managing and operating program responsibilities</b>										
<b>Non Federal</b>										
PR	\$280,479	\$288,100	\$492,300	\$507,100	4.00	4.00	\$576,200	\$999,400	\$423,200	73.45%
S	\$280,479	\$288,100	\$492,300	\$507,100	4.00	4.00	\$576,200	\$999,400	\$423,200	73.45%
<b>Total - Non Federal</b>	<b>\$280,479</b>	<b>\$288,100</b>	<b>\$492,300</b>	<b>\$507,100</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>\$576,200</b>	<b>\$999,400</b>	<b>\$423,200</b>	<b>73.45%</b>
S	\$280,479	\$288,100	\$492,300	\$507,100	4.00	4.00	\$576,200	\$999,400	\$423,200	73.45%
<b>PGM 01 Total</b>	<b>\$280,479</b>	<b>\$288,100</b>	<b>\$492,300</b>	<b>\$507,100</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>\$576,200</b>	<b>\$999,400</b>	<b>\$423,200</b>	<b>73.45%</b>
PR	\$280,479	\$288,100	\$492,300	\$507,100	4.00	4.00	\$576,200	\$999,400	\$423,200	73.45%
S	\$280,479	\$288,100	\$492,300	\$507,100	4.00	4.00	\$576,200	\$999,400	\$423,200	73.45%
<b>TOTAL 01</b>	<b>\$280,479</b>	<b>\$288,100</b>	<b>\$492,300</b>	<b>\$507,100</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>\$576,200</b>	<b>\$999,400</b>	<b>\$423,200</b>	<b>73.45%</b>
S	\$280,479	\$288,100	\$492,300	\$507,100	4.00	4.00	\$576,200	\$999,400	\$423,200	73.45%
<b>AGENCY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$280,479</b>	<b>\$288,100</b>	<b>\$492,300</b>	<b>\$507,100</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>\$576,200</b>	<b>\$999,400</b>	<b>\$423,200</b>	<b>73.45%</b>

# Agency Total by Decision Item

Secretary of State

2325 Biennial Budget

Decision Item	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$288,100	\$288,100	2.00	2.00
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	(\$6,500)	(\$6,500)	0.00	0.00
4000 Restore Resources Necessary for Office to Fulfill Constitutional Duties	\$210,700	\$225,500	2.00	2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$492,300</b>	<b>\$507,100</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>

# GPR Earned

2325 Biennial Budget

	<b>CODES</b>	<b>TITLES</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	575	Secretary of State
<b>PROGRAM</b>		
<b>DATE</b>	09/15/2022	

Revenue	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
Opening Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lapse [s. 20.575(1)(g)]	\$130,100	\$118,900	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$130,100</b>	<b>\$118,900</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

# Program Revenue

2325 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	575	Secretary of State
<b>PROGRAM</b>	01	Managing and operating program responsibilities
<b>SUBPROGRAM</b>		
<b>NUMERIC APPROPRIATION</b>	30	Program fees

Revenue and Expenditures	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$26,900</b>	<b>\$28,100</b>	<b>\$27,800</b>	<b>\$33,600</b>
Collected Revenue	\$261,100	\$246,600	\$246,600	\$246,600
Transfer In [s. 20.144(1)(g)]	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$260,000	\$260,000
Lapse [s. 20.575(1)(g)]	(\$130,100)	(\$118,900)	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$307,900</b>	<b>\$305,800</b>	<b>\$534,400</b>	<b>\$540,200</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$279,800</b>	<b>\$278,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$0	\$0	\$284,700	\$284,700
3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	(\$6,500)	(\$6,500)
Compensation Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$3,300	\$10,100
Health Insurance Reserves	\$0	\$0	\$2,200	\$4,300
Wisconsin Retirement System	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
27th Pay Period Reserve (FY24 only)	\$0	\$0	\$6,400	\$0
4000 Restore Resources Necessary for Office to Fulfill Constitutional Duties	\$0	\$0	\$210,700	\$225,500
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$279,800</b>	<b>\$278,000</b>	<b>\$500,800</b>	<b>\$518,100</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$28,100</b>	<b>\$27,800</b>	<b>\$33,600</b>	<b>\$22,100</b>

# Program Revenue

2325 Biennial Budget

	CODES	TITLES
DEPARTMENT	575	Secretary of State
PROGRAM	01	Managing and operating program responsibilities
SUBPROGRAM		
NUMERIC APPROPRIATION	35	Agency collections

Revenue and Expenditures	Prior Year Actuals	Base Year Estimate	1st Year Estimate	2nd Year Estimate
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>\$4,200</b>	<b>\$4,200</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$2,800</b>
Collected Revenue	\$600	\$100	\$100	\$100
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,800</b>	<b>\$4,300</b>	<b>\$3,600</b>	<b>\$2,900</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level	\$0	\$0	\$3,400	\$3,400
Est Adj to Base Exp Auth	\$0	\$0	(\$2,600)	(\$2,600)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>\$800</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>\$4,200</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$2,800</b>	<b>\$2,100</b>

**Decision Item (DIN) - 2000**

**Decision Item (DIN) Title - Adjusted Base Funding Level**

**NARRATIVE**

Adjusted Base Funding Level

# Decision Item by Line

2325 Biennial Budget

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>CODES</b>	<b>TITLES</b>
	575	Secretary of State
<b>DECISION ITEM</b>	<b>CODES</b>	<b>TITLES</b>
	2000	Adjusted Base Funding Level

	<b>Expenditure Items</b>	<b>1st Year Cost</b>	<b>2nd Year Cost</b>
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$148,300	\$148,300
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$35,400	\$35,400
05	Fringe Benefits	\$60,100	\$60,100
06	Supplies and Services	\$42,500	\$42,500
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unallotted Reserve	\$1,800	\$1,800
09	Aids to Individuals & Organizations	\$0	\$0
10	Local Assistance	\$0	\$0
11	One-time Financing	\$0	\$0
12	Debt service	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0
16		\$0	\$0
<b>17</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$288,100</b>	<b>\$288,100</b>
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	1.00	1.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	1.00	1.00



# Decision Item by Numeric

2325 Biennial Budget

## Secretary of State

Program	Decision Item/Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
	<b>2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level</b>				
01	Managing and operating program responsibilities				
	30 Program fees	\$284,700	\$284,700	2.00	2.00
	35 Agency collections	\$3,400	\$3,400	0.00	0.00
	<b>Managing and operating program responsibilities Sub Total</b>	<b>\$288,100</b>	<b>\$288,100</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>
	<b>Adjusted Base Funding Level Sub Total</b>	<b>\$288,100</b>	<b>\$288,100</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>
	<b>Agency Total</b>	<b>\$288,100</b>	<b>\$288,100</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>

# Decision Item by Fund Source

2325 Biennial Budget

## Secretary of State

Decision Item/Source of Funds		1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
<b>2000 Adjusted Base Funding Level</b>					
PR	S	\$288,100	\$288,100	2.00	2.00
<b>Adjusted Base Funding Level Total</b>		<b>\$288,100</b>	<b>\$288,100</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>
<b>Agency Total</b>		<b>\$288,100</b>	<b>\$288,100</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>

**Decision Item (DIN) - 3003**

**Decision Item (DIN) Title - Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits**

**NARRATIVE**

Standard Budget Adjustment - Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits

# Decision Item by Line

2325 Biennial Budget

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>CODES</b>	<b>TITLES</b>
	575	Secretary of State
<b>DECISION ITEM</b>	<b>CODES</b>	<b>TITLES</b>
	3003	Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits

	<b>Expenditure Items</b>	<b>1st Year Cost</b>	<b>2nd Year Cost</b>
01	Permanent Position Salaries	(\$4,300)	(\$4,300)
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$0	\$0
05	Fringe Benefits	(\$2,200)	(\$2,200)
06	Supplies and Services	\$0	\$0
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unallotted Reserve	\$0	\$0
09	Aids to Individuals & Organizations	\$0	\$0
10	Local Assistance	\$0	\$0
11	One-time Financing	\$0	\$0
12	Debt service	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0
16		\$0	\$0
<b>17</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$6,500)</b>	<b>(\$6,500)</b>
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00

# Decision Item by Numeric

2325 Biennial Budget

## Secretary of State

Program	Decision Item/Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
	<b>3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits</b>				
01	Managing and operating program responsibilities				
	30 Program fees	(\$6,500)	(\$6,500)	0.00	0.00
	<b>Managing and operating program responsibilities Sub Total</b>	<b>(\$6,500)</b>	<b>(\$6,500)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits Sub Total</b>	<b>(\$6,500)</b>	<b>(\$6,500)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
	<b>Agency Total</b>	<b>(\$6,500)</b>	<b>(\$6,500)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

# Decision Item by Fund Source

2325 Biennial Budget

## Secretary of State

Decision Item/Source of Funds		1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
<b>3003 Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits</b>					
PR	S	(\$6,500)	(\$6,500)	0.00	0.00
<b>Full Funding of Continuing Position Salaries and Fringe Benefits Total</b>		<b>(\$6,500)</b>	<b>(\$6,500)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Agency Total</b>		<b>(\$6,500)</b>	<b>(\$6,500)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## Decision Item (DIN) - 4000

### Decision Item (DIN) Title - Restore Resources Necessary for Office to Fulfill Constitutional Duties

#### NARRATIVE

The Secretary of State is the exclusive state constitutional officer vested with the power and duty to "...keep a fair record of the official acts of the legislative and executive department of the state ..." and to keep the "...great seal of the State... which shall be kept by the secretary of the state, and all official acts of the governor, his approbation of the laws excepted, shall be thereby authenticated. Wis. Const. Arts. VI, § 2 and XIII, § 4. The Secretary of State is also constitutionally required to perform all duties assigned to him by law. Wis. Const. Arts. VI, § 2. <sup>1</sup>

2015 Wisconsin Act 55 (the 2015-17 biennial budget) made several changes to the resources and one change to the responsibilities of the Secretary of State. Specifically, Act 55: deleted funding of \$143,100 PR and 2.0 FTE in each year to reflect the elimination of the unclassified Assistant Secretary of State and Office Operations Associate positions; reduced supplies and services funding of \$127,000 PR and \$128,700 PR in the first and second years, respectively, to reflect savings associated with moving the Office of the Secretary of State from private leased space to the State Capitol and other savings, more generally; and transferred responsibility for municipal boundary review from the Secretary of State to the Department of Administration. The total of the decreases was \$270,100 PR and \$271,800 PR in 2015-16 and 2016-17, respectively, and 2.0 PR FTE positions in each 2015-16 and 2016-17.

2017 Wisconsin Act 59 (the 2017-19 biennial budget) maintained the position and supplies and services reductions of 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 and further reduced supplies and services by \$5,000 PR in each 2017-18 and 2018-19.

It is the assertion of the Secretary of State that, "... budget restrictions make it impossible for the Secretary of State to meet his constitutional duties."<sup>2</sup> "Prior to the enactment of Act 55, administrative functions necessary for the office to function were performed by the Deputy Secretary of State. The workload kept two full time employees and the Deputy Secretary of State busy."<sup>3</sup>

"Act 55 has stripped the office of the staff necessary to handle the workload, and of the necessary space to store records and provide public access. The office's ability to function has been decimated."<sup>4</sup>

"After the enactment of 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, the volume of work to be performed exceeds the resources of the Secretary of State's office and far exceeds the ability of the employees to perform. The backlog continues to worsen. The workload is overwhelming the Secretary of State's office. Essential functions cannot be performed. Regular mail, emails, refunds, department inquiries and responses to open records requests are delayed. Authentications and apostilles have taken up to 10 business days to process. Essential office functioning and service to the public during regular business hours has suffered greatly."<sup>5</sup>

"The reduction to one full-time employee has resulted in the office being closed to the public during regular business hours due to staff shortages, as well as unacceptable delays in responding to walk-in customers, phone calls, voicemails, emails and other correspondence ... The office has been closed on numerous occasions, sometimes without notice, and has been inaccessible to the public."<sup>6</sup> The public records kept by the Secretary of State are in keeping with Wis. Stat. § 230.35(4)(f), which

requires that the Secretary of State keep the records open and accessible to the public during regular business hours every weekday Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m."<sup>7</sup>

In light of the preceding, the Secretary of State seeks to restore resources eliminated under 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, without which the Office is unable to fulfill its duties under the Wisconsin Constitution and to perform responsibilities assigned to it by law. The Secretary of State requests 2.0 PR FTE and requisite expenditure authority for an unclassified Deputy Secretary of State under recreated s. 14.46, Wis. Stats. and revised ss. 20.923 (6) (as), 20.923 (8), and 230.08 (3) (g) [see proposed statutory language, below], and classified Office Operations Associate position.

14.46 Deputy secretary of state. The secretary of state may appoint, in writing, an assistant secretary of state who may perform and execute any of the duties of the secretary of state, except as a member of the board of commissioners of public lands. The assistant secretary shall take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by article IV, section 28, of the constitution and shall give bond to the secretary of state in the sum and with the conditions as the secretary of state prescribes, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties. The oath shall be filed and preserved in the office of the governor.

20.923 (6) (as) Each elective executive officer other than the state treasurer, secretary of state, attorney general and superintendent of public instruction: a deputy or assistant

20.923 (8) DEPUTIES. Salaries for deputies appointed pursuant to ss. 13.94 (3) (b), 15.04 (2), 230.04 (16), and 551.601 (1) shall be set by the appointing authority. The salary shall not exceed the maximum of the salary range one range below the salary range of the executive salary group to which the department or agency head is assigned. The positions of deputy secretary of state and associate director of the historical society shall be treated as ~~an~~ unclassified ~~deputies~~ ~~deputy~~ for pay purposes under this subsection. The salary of the deputy director of the office of business development in the department of administration is assigned to executive salary group 2.

230.08 (2) (g) One stenographer appointed by each elective executive officer, except the secretary of state and the state treasurer; and one deputy or assistant appointed by each elective executive officer, except the state treasurer, secretary of state, attorney general, and superintendent of public instruction.

The Secretary of State also requests one-time financing and ongoing supplies and services to effectively support the functions of the Office. The one-time financing includes an amount to move the Office to a location of suitable size that is both able to support the number of staff under this request and equipped with amenities necessary to serve the public and provide access to records. Ongoing supplies and services funding is requested for the corresponding space rental, as well as nominal amounts for the costs associated with the additional Office staff and two interns, an amount for technology consulting services, and for membership dues to the National Association of State Secretaries (NASS).

The Office requires updated processing and communications program solutions to aid in the reduction of administrative delays and payment options for its customers. Ability to provide support and services to customers, state agencies, and businesses; and curate comprehensive public-facing online record availability and records request services has been restricted by an inability to accept credit card payments, lack of translation and interpretation services, and limited records database options. With the insufficient supplies and services expenditure authority level for the Office, there is currently not capacity to address these necessary administrative support expenditures. As such, ongoing supplies and services amounts are requested to support electronic payment processing for authentications, apostilles and records processing requests, for ongoing consulting services to support database maintenance, and for one-time and ongoing translation and interpreter services necessary for equal access to Secretary of State services.



Lastly, the Secretary of State requests an increase in the amount transferred from the Department of Financial Institutions appropriation account under s. 20.144 (1) (g), Wis. Stats., to the appropriation account under 20.575 (1) (g), from \$150,000 to \$260,000 [see proposed statutory language, below]. Prior to 2015 Wisconsin Act 55, the amount of the transfer was \$325,000.

20.144 (1)(g) General program operations. The amounts in the schedule for the general program operations of the department of financial institutions. Except as provided in pars. (a), (h), (i), (j), and (u) and sub. (3), all moneys received by the department, other than by the office of credit unions and the division of banking, and 88 percent of all moneys received by the office of credit unions and the department's division of banking shall be credited to this appropriation, but any balance at the close of a fiscal year under this appropriation shall lapse to the general fund. Annually, ~~\$150,000~~ \$260,000 of the amounts received under this appropriation account shall be transferred to the appropriation account under s. 20.575 (1) (g).

<sup>1</sup> La Follette v. Walker, Dane County Circuit Court Case No. 15 CV 1822, Response of Plaintiffs to Motion for Summary Judgment, Page 1, Introduction (2017)

<sup>2</sup> La Follette v. Walker, Dane County Circuit Court Case No. 15 CV 1822, Response of Plaintiffs to Motion for Summary Judgment, Page 2, Response to Claim (2017)

<sup>3</sup> La Follette v. Walker, Dane County Circuit Court Case No. 15 CV 1822, Response of Plaintiffs to Motion for Summary Judgment, Additional Proposed Undisputed Facts, ¶¶48-49 (2017)

<sup>4</sup> La Follette v. Walker, Dane County Circuit Court Case No. 15 CV 1822, Response of Plaintiffs to Motion for Summary Judgment, Argument, Page 20 (2017)

<sup>5</sup> La Follette v. Walker, Dane County Circuit Court Case No. 15 CV 1822, Response of Plaintiffs to Motion for Summary Judgment, Argument, Page 20 (2017)

<sup>6</sup> La Follette v. Walker, Dane County Circuit Court Case No. 15 CV 1822, Response of Plaintiffs to Motion for Summary Judgment, Argument, Page 21 (2017)

<sup>7</sup> La Follette v. Walker, Dane County Circuit Court Case No. 15 CV 1822, Response of Plaintiffs to Motion for Summary Judgment, Argument, Page 21 (2017)

# Decision Item by Line

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<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>CODES</b>	<b>TITLES</b>
	575	Secretary of State
<b>DECISION ITEM</b>	<b>CODES</b>	<b>TITLES</b>
	4000	Restore Resources Necessary for Office to Fulfill Constitutional Duties

	<b>Expenditure Items</b>	<b>1st Year Cost</b>	<b>2nd Year Cost</b>
01	Permanent Position Salaries	\$89,700	\$119,500
02	Turnover	\$0	\$0
03	Project Position Salaries	\$0	\$0
04	LTE/Misc. Salaries	\$0	\$0
05	Fringe Benefits	\$34,400	\$43,200
06	Supplies and Services	\$62,900	\$62,800
07	Permanent Property	\$0	\$0
08	Unallotted Reserve	\$0	\$0
09	Aids to Individuals & Organizations	\$0	\$0
10	Local Assistance	\$0	\$0
11	One-time Financing	\$23,700	\$0
12	Debt service	\$0	\$0
13		\$0	\$0
14		\$0	\$0
15		\$0	\$0
16		\$0	\$0
<b>17</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$210,700</b>	<b>\$225,500</b>
18	Project Positions Authorized	0.00	0.00
19	Classified Positions Authorized	1.00	1.00
20	Unclassified Positions Authorized	1.00	1.00

# Decision Item by Numeric

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## Secretary of State

Program	Decision Item/Numeric	1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
	<b>4000 Restore Resources Necessary for Office to Fulfill Constitutional Duties</b>				
01	Managing and operating program responsibilities				
	30 Program fees	\$210,700	\$225,500	2.00	2.00
	<b>Managing and operating program responsibilities Sub Total</b>	<b>\$210,700</b>	<b>\$225,500</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>
	<b>Restore Resources Necessary for Office to Fulfill Constitutional Duties Sub Total</b>	<b>\$210,700</b>	<b>\$225,500</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>
	<b>Agency Total</b>	<b>\$210,700</b>	<b>\$225,500</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>

# Decision Item by Fund Source

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## Secretary of State

Decision Item/Source of Funds		1st Year Total	2nd Year Total	1st Year FTE	2nd Year FTE
<b>4000 Restore Resources Necessary for Office to Fulfill Constitutional Duties</b>					
PR	S	\$210,700	\$225,500	2.00	2.00
<b>Restore Resources Necessary for Office to Fulfill Constitutional Duties Total</b>		<b>\$210,700</b>	<b>\$225,500</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>
<b>Agency Total</b>		<b>\$210,700</b>	<b>\$225,500</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>

## ACT 201

Proposal under s. 16.42(4)(b)2.: **0% change in each fiscal year**

FY: **FY24, FY25**

Agency: **SOS - 575**

Agency	Appropriation		Fund Source	Adjusted Base		(See Note 1)	Proposed Budget 2023-24, 2024-25			Change from Adj Base		(See Note 2)		Change from Adjusted Base after Removal of SBAs	
	Alpha	Numeric		\$	FTE	0% Change Target	Proposed \$	Proposed FTE	Item Ref.	\$	FTE	\$	FTE	\$	FTE
575	1g	130	PR	284,700	2.00	0	278,200	2.00	1	(6,500)	0.00	6,500	0.00	0	0.00
575	1ka	135	PR	3,400	0.00	0	3,400	0.00		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
<b>Totals</b>				<b>288,100</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>281,600</b>	<b>2.00</b>		<b>(6,500)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Note 1: Reduction target must be met within state operations appropriations, but may be allocated across those appropriations and fund sources.

Note 2: Amounts should be SBAs (DINs 3001 - 3011) from agency request multiplied by -1.

Target Reduction = 0

**Difference = 0**

Should equal \$0

**Items - Describe proposed changes (excl. SBAs) to reach target or other priorities of agency**

- 1 Delete the resources requested and necessary for the Office to fulfill its constitutional responsibilities.

## ACT 201

Proposal under s. 16.42(4)(b)1.: 5% change in each fiscal year

FY: **FY24, FY25**

Agency: **SOS - 575**

Agency	Appropriation		Fund Source	Adjusted Base		(See Note 1)	Proposed Budget 2023-24, 2024-25			Change from Adj Base		(See Note 2)		Change from Adjusted Base after Removal of SBAs	
	Alpha	Numeric		\$	FTE	5% Reduction Target	Proposed \$	Proposed FTE	Item Ref.	\$	FTE	\$	FTE	\$	FTE
575	1g	130	PR	284,700	2.00	(14,200)	267,200	2.00	1,2	(17,500)	0.00	6,500	0.00	(11,000)	0.00
575	1ka	135	PR	3,400	0.00	(200)	0	0.00	2	(3,400)	0.00	0	0.00	(3,400)	0.00
<b>Totals</b>				<b>288,100</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>(14,400)</b>	<b>267,200</b>	<b>2.00</b>		<b>(20,900)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(14,400)</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Note 1: Reduction target must be met within state operations appropriations, but may be allocated across those appropriations and fund sources.

Note 2: Amounts should be SBAs (DINs 3001 - 3011) from agency request multiplied by -1.

Target Reduction = (14,400)

Difference = **0**  
Should equal \$0

**Items - Describe proposed changes (excl. SBAs) to reach target or other priorities of agency**

- 1 Delete the resources requested and necessary for the Office to fulfill its constitutional responsibilities.
- 2 Reduce supplies and services from program fee operations and program fee administration.