

**Secretary of State  
Budget No. 108  
House Bill No. 1002**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2021-23 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>33.00</b>	<b>\$5,521,552</b>	<b>\$8,305,574</b>	<b>\$13,827,126</b>
2021-23 base budget	32.00	5,623,063	4,231,641	9,854,704
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	1.00	(\$101,511)	\$4,073,933	\$3,972,422

**ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS**

	<b>Ongoing General Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>One-Time General Fund Appropriation</b>	<b>Total General Fund Appropriation</b>
<b>2021-23 legislative appropriations</b>	<b>\$5,521,552</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,521,552</b>
2019-21 legislative appropriations	5,623,063	0	5,623,063
2021-23 legislative increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriations	(\$101,511)	\$0	(\$101,511)
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriations	(1.8%)	N/A	(1.8%)

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS  
Changes to Base Budget**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
The legislative action:				
Adjusted funding for base payroll changes			\$238,528	\$238,528
Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100 and 2.0 percent on July 1, 2022		\$123,246	12,701	135,947
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,428.77 per month		1,424	134	1,558
Added funding from federal funds to convert 1 full-time temporary election reform position to an FTE position	1.00		121,865	121,865
Increased funding for temporary salaries to provide a total of \$200,000			150,000	150,000
Increased federal funds authority for election reform to provide a total of \$3,203,880			3,000,000	3,000,000
Adjusted funding for operating expenses to provide a total of \$3,308,424		(251,834)	550,705	298,871

Added funding for grants to each federally recognized tribal government located within the state during the 2021-23 biennium to issue addresses and identifications for voting purposes		25,000		25,000
Increased funding for public printing to provide a total of \$257,931		653		653
Total	<u>1.00</u>	<u>(\$101,511)</u>	<u>\$4,073,933</u>	<u>\$3,972,422</u>

#### FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 33 FTE positions for the Secretary of State for the 2021-23 biennium, 1 FTE position more than the 2019-21 biennium. The Legislative Assembly converted 1 full-time temporary election reform position to an FTE position and increased related federal funding.

#### Federal COVID-19 Funding - 2019-21 Biennium

In House Bill No. 1395, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$49,216 of federal coronavirus relief funds for the 2019-21 biennium for overtime for vote-by-mail election managers, election supplies, personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, and physical barriers.

#### Other Sections in House Bill No. 1002

**Exemption - Technology project** - Section 3 provides that any unexpended funds from the technology project in subdivision 1 of Section 1 of Chapter 36 of the 2015 Session Laws is not subject to the provisions of North Dakota Century Code Section 54-11.1-11, and any unexpended funds may be expended during the 2021-23 biennium.

**Salary of the Secretary of State** - Section 4, as amended in Section 28 of House Bill No. 1015, provides the statutory changes to increase the Secretary of State's salary. The Secretary of State's annual salary will increase from the current level of \$110,582 to \$112,241 (1.5 percent) effective July 1, 2021, and to \$114,486 (2 percent) effective July 1, 2022, to reflect salary adjustments consistent with 2021-23 biennium state employee salary increases.

**Tribal government administrative costs** - Section 5 identifies \$25,000 in the grants line item is from the general fund for the purpose of providing grants to each federally recognized tribal government located within the state during the 2021-23 biennium. The Secretary of State may provide grants up to \$5,000 to each tribal government to reimburse administrative costs incurred by each tribal government to issue addresses and identifications for voting purposes.

#### Related Legislation

**House Bill No. 1078 - Presidential elections** - This bill amends various sections of the Century Code relating to presidential elections and the adoption of the Uniform Faithful Presidential Electors Act; nominating presidential electors and alternate electors, and presidential electors' roles and procedures; and the filling of a vacancy of a presidential elector and voting of new and former residents at presidential elections.

**House Bill No. 1256 - Nonpublic funds use** - This bill creates a new section to Chapter 16.1-01 restricting the use of nonpublic funds for elections operations.

**House Bill No. 1295 - Audit of contributions to candidates** - This bill authorizes the Secretary of State or the Ethics Commission to arrange for an audit of a candidate's personal use of contributions upon having substantial reason to believe any person has knowingly violated the law.