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EXECUTIVE AGENCY

FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: April 4, 2023

Agency Submitting: Office of the Secretary of State

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Effect on Future Biennia
Personnel (Expense)		$842,182	$1,156,675	$2,418,492
In-State Travel (Expense)		$50,154	$53,498	$106,996
Operating (Expense)		$49,642	$65,869	$131,738
Equip/Furniture (Expense)		$35,760		
Information Services (Expense)		$59,776	$10,799	$21,598
Total	0	$1,037,514	$1,286,841	$2,678,824

Explanation (Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

This unit required by Section 5 of the bill would be established under the Elections Division of the Secretary of State. The supervisory element will be structured so that the Unclassified Chief of Enforcement would report directly to the Deputy for Elections. Each subordinate element would have a supervisor and then staff. The task structure of the division would be organized to accommodate the proposed receipt, review, and investigation of alleged elections crimes. The Receipt division would be responsible for answering the hotline, emails, and letters relating to allegations as required by Section 6. The Receipt division would require phones and laptops to receive allegations from the public, but would incur no additional costs. The Review and Investigate divisions would be responsible for initially assessing each claim, prioritizing, and ultimately investigating the claims from members of the public. These divisions, also required by the provisions of Section 6, each have an Admin Assistant 3 in order to expedite processing of reports and to gather data. The organization would include four POST certified officers so there would be an additional cost for marksmanship training, weapons storage, and an ammunition allocation each calendar year to ensure proficiency. The leadership team of the unit would a Supervisory Criminal Investigator 1 and an Admin Assistant 4. These two would assist the Chief of Enforcement in their tasks and ensure the accuracy of the reports created by the unit. The make-up of all three divisions of this organization are based upon the workload for the current of the SOS Elections division (which receives complaints from the public) and Securities division (which reviews and investigates criminal allegations).

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

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The agency's response appears reasonable.

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