

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 2: Secretary of State Campaign Finance Implementation

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

The General Government Subcommittee heard a request from the Secretary of State for \$25 million General Fund to implement the campaign financial compliance and monitoring requirements contained in HB 4024 from the 2024 legislative session.

The current system for campaign finance reporting cannot support these new requirements, so a new IT solution must be acquired and deployed on a short timeline. The Secretary of State believes the best implementation strategy is to identify vendors with experience in financial compliance IT solutions that can be rapidly deployed to meet the existing deadlines. With rulemaking nearly complete, the agency plans to issue a request for proposals by mid-January 2026.

Deferral of the request is recommended because no request for proposals have been issued, accurate cost estimates are unknown until responses are received, and any changes to the existing law considered during the 2026 legislative session could have material impacts on project costs and timelines.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend deferring action on the request to the 2026 legislative session.