

HB 4018 A BUDGET REPORT and MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Secretary of State
2025-27

PRELIMINARY

Budget Summary*

| | 2025-27 Legislatively Approved Budget ⁽¹⁾ | 2026 Committee Recommendation | Committee Change from 2025-27 Leg. Approved | |
|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------|
| | | | \$ Change | % Change |
| General Fund | \$ - | \$ 1,552,520 | \$ 1,552,520 | 100.0% |
| Total | \$ - | \$ 1,552,520 | \$ 1,552,520 | 100.0% |

Position Summary

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Authorized Positions | 0 | 5 | 5 |
| Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions | 0.00 | 3.04 | 3.04 |

⁽¹⁾ Includes adjustments through January 2026

* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

Summary of Revenue Changes

House Bill 4018 appropriates \$1,552,520 General Fund to the Secretary of State to implement campaign finance regulations going into effect January 1, 2027.

Summary of Capital Construction Subcommittee Action

House Bill 4018 makes changes to election campaign finance provisions passed in House Bill 4024 (2024), which created campaign contribution limits, political committee requirements, disclosure requirements, a planned campaign finance dashboard, and charged the Secretary of State with administrative duties. The bill restores previously repealed statutes until the effective date of new requirements can take effect and adds certain disclosure requirements. The measure clarifies limits on in-kind contributions of staff time and certain goods and services, and updates campaign contribution limits.

House Bill 4018 delays the implementation date of the more complex campaign finance regulations, including transparency dashboards and reporting requirements, from January 1, 2028, to January 1, 2031, and makes the requirements apply to elections occurring after January 1, 2032. The reforms that go into effect on January 1, 2027, can be implemented with reasonable upgrades to ORESTAR, the state’s existing campaign finance database. The changes going into effect January 1, 2032, will require a new IT system to implement.

The Subcommittee recommended appropriating \$710,874 General Fund to the Administrative Services Division to establish two limited-duration, full-time Information Systems Specialist 7 positions (1.25 FTE) to update and test ORESTAR and one permanent, full-time Information Technology Manager 2 (0.63 FTE) to oversee the strategic projects necessary to implement the measure.

The Subcommittee also recommended appropriating \$841,646 General Fund to the Elections Division for the following: establish two permanent, full-time Compliance Specialist 2 positions (1.16 FTE) to provide oversight, enforcement, and public assistance for the new campaign finance regulations; \$275,367 for Attorney General costs; and \$250,000 for business solution planning costs for transparency and reporting requirements.

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DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

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| DESCRIPTION | GENERAL FUND | LOTTERY FUNDS | OTHER FUNDS | | FEDERAL FUNDS | | TOTAL ALL FUNDS | POS | FTE |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|----------|-------------|
| | | | LIMITED | NONLIMITED | LIMITED | NONLIMITED | | | |
| SUBCOMMITTEE ADJUSTMENTS | | | | | | | | | |
| SCR 001 - Administrative Services Division | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | \$ 638,436 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 638,436 | 3 | 1.88 |
| Services and Supplies | \$ 72,438 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 72,438 | | |
| SCR 002 - Elections Division | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | \$ 280,709 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 280,709 | 2 | 1.16 |
| Services and Supplies | \$ 560,937 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 560,937 | | |
| SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION * | \$ 1,552,520 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 1,552,520 | 5 | 3.04 |
| % Change from 2025-27 Leg Approved Budget | 100.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

*Excludes Capital Construction Expenditures

