



Louisiana Senate Finance Committee



FY26 Executive Budget

04-139 – Department of State

March 2025

*Senator Cameron Henry, President
Senator Glen Womack, Chairman*



FY26 Recommended Budget

Schedule 04-139 — Department of State

Departmental mission — The mission of the Secretary of State's Office is to serve the public by meeting its legal responsibilities of collecting, securing and communicating information that enhances commerce, ensures the integrity of Louisiana's elections and preserves, presents and makes accessible government information essential to Louisiana's operations and its recorded history; to ensure the quality of the notary database.



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**Nancy Landry,
Secretary of State**

Administrative

Elections

Archives & Records

**Museum & Other
Operations**

Commercial



Secretary of State Program Descriptions

Agency	Program Description
Administrative	Provides the department with the leadership and management necessary to meet its objectives while performing the constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Secretary of State and the Department of State.
Elections	Ensures the integrity of the electoral and election management process for Louisiana voters, citizens, and other interested parties in Louisiana and the United States. Encourages public participation in the election process by educating current and potential voters about the elections process through effective outreach programs.
Archives and Records	Ensures the government and the public continued access to essential information created by the state through a viable and responsive records management program and a comprehensive preservation effort, making the archival materials acquired and maintained by the program readily available for researchers and educational programs.
Museum and Other Operations	Presents exhibits, education, and other programs to the public that emphasize the political, social, and economic influences, personalities, institutions, and events that have shaped the landscape of Louisiana's colorful history and culture and its place in the world. To further this mission, the Museums Program will acquire, refurbish, and preserve artifacts and other historical relics representative of the state's past and attract exhibits of interest to the communities they serve.
Commercial	Provides for business, financial, and legal communities timely and efficient service in the certification and registration of documents relating to securing and retaining business entities and assets; the processing of legal services documents and communications of business licensing information as required by law and to make such information concerning these business entities available to the public.



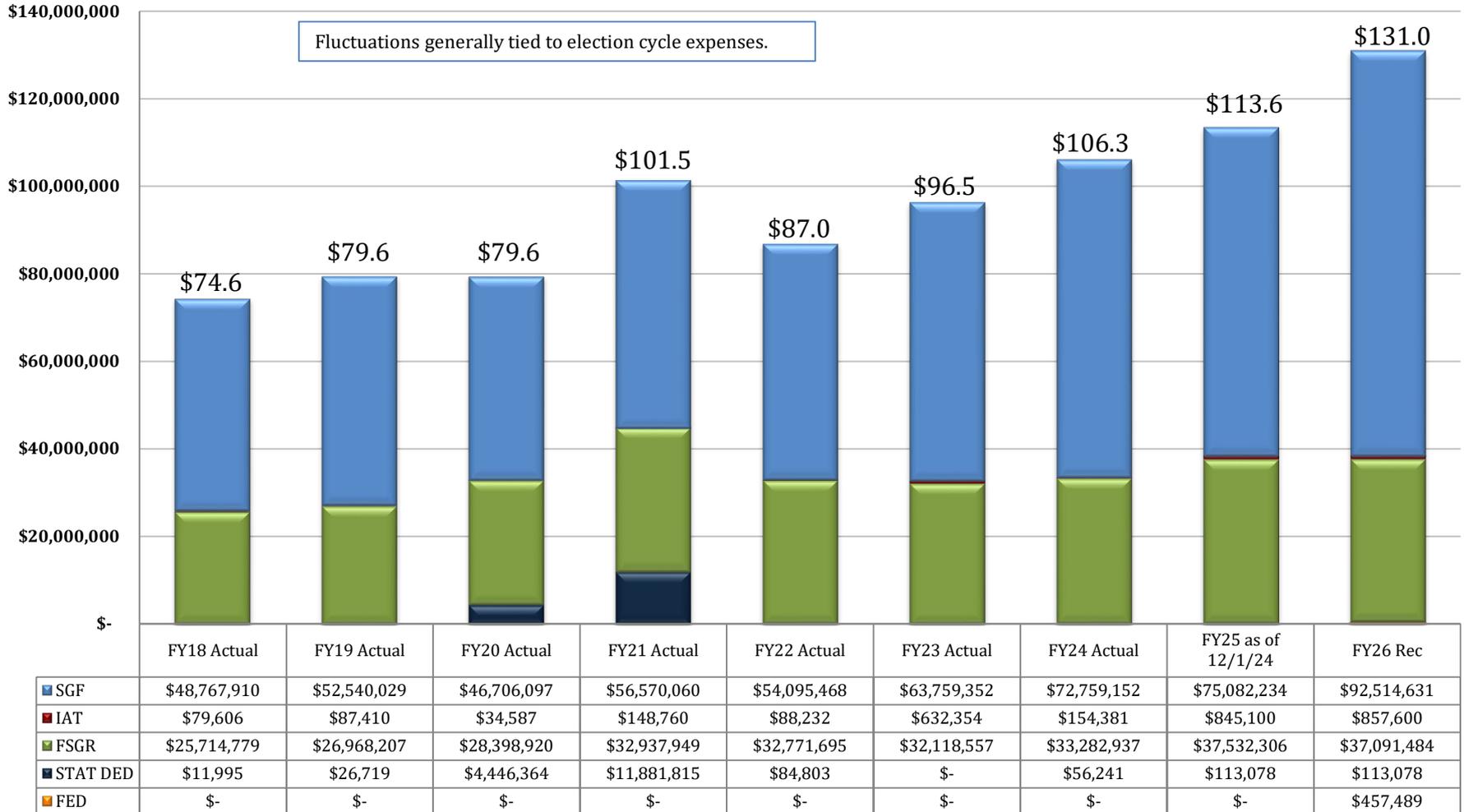
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Changes in Funding since FY18

Total Budget by Fiscal Year and Means of Finance (in \$ millions)

Change from FY18 to FY26 is +75.6% at Recommended

Change from FY18 to FY24 is +42.5% at Actual.





Significant Budget Adjustments Recommended for FY26

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$75,082,234	\$845,100	\$37,532,306	\$113,078	\$0	\$113,572,718	365	FY25 Existing Operating Budget as of 12-1-24
\$1,464,000	\$0	\$532,500	\$0	\$0	\$1,996,500	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
(\$278,700)	\$0	(\$305,220)	\$0	\$0	(\$583,920)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	\$0	\$17,400	\$0	\$0	\$17,400	0	Civil Service Fees
\$110,155	\$0	\$80,273	\$0	\$0	\$190,428	0	Civil Service Training Series
\$59,186	\$0	\$54,618	\$0	\$0	\$113,804	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Active Employees
\$23,000	\$0	\$39,821	\$0	\$0	\$62,821	0	Group Insurance Rate Adjustment for Retirees
\$0	\$0	(\$587)	\$0	\$0	(\$587)	0	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$393,727	\$0	\$417,785	\$0	\$0	\$811,512	0	Market Rate Classified
(\$226,037)	\$0	(\$937,500)	\$0	\$0	(\$1,163,537)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
(\$3,105,989)	\$0	(\$922,143)	\$0	\$0	(\$4,028,132)	0	Non-recurring Carryforwards
\$0	\$0	(\$20,930)	\$0	\$0	(\$20,930)	0	Office of State Procurement
\$0	\$0	\$30,780	\$0	\$0	\$30,780	0	Office of Technology Services (OTS)
(\$210,490)	\$0	\$20,091	\$0	\$0	(\$190,399)	0	Related Benefits Base Adjustment
(\$162,990)	\$0	(\$187,837)	\$0	\$0	(\$350,827)	0	Retirement Rate Adjustment
(\$85,839)	\$0	(\$11,730)	\$0	\$0	(\$97,569)	0	Risk Management
\$1,361	\$0	\$131,126	\$0	\$0	\$132,487	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	\$0	\$1,590	\$0	\$0	\$1,590	0	State Treasury Fees
\$0	\$0	(\$1,957)	\$0	\$0	(\$1,957)	0	UPS Fees
(\$2,018,616)	\$0	(\$1,061,920)	\$0	\$0	(\$3,080,536)	0	Total Statewide Adjustments
(\$25,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$25,000)	0	TOTAL NON-RECURRING OTHER ADJUSTMENT
\$0	\$0	\$621,098	\$0	\$457,489	\$1,078,587	1	TOTAL OTHER ADJUSTMENTS ADJUSTMENT
\$19,476,013	\$12,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,488,513	0	TOTAL WORKLOAD ADJUSTMENT
\$92,514,631	\$857,600	\$37,091,484	\$113,078	\$457,489	\$131,034,282	366	Total FY26 Recommended Budget
\$17,432,397	\$12,500	(\$440,822)	\$0	\$457,489	\$17,461,564	1	Total Adjustments (Statewide and Agency-Specific)



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Non-Statewide Adjustments Recommended for FY26

Other Adjustments

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$0	\$0	\$124,098	\$0	\$0	\$124,098	1	Funding for one (1) authorized position in the Administration program in the Information Technology (I.T.) Support Services section as a result of workload increases driven by new legislation that results in application system changes that are primarily used in the Election Program.
\$0	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	0	Funding for recurring maintenance and support for the hardware technology refresh of core routers in the data centers and main office.
\$0	\$0	\$172,000	\$0	\$0	\$172,000	0	Funding to update and continuously monitor publicly available web applications (9) and mobile apps (2) to allow the Department to comply with new Americans with Disabilities (ADA) regarding Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2..1 Level AA requirements, and to provide funding for year 2 of 2 of an existing contract that upgrades the Secretary of State's website as obligation to pay the vendor for deliverables will become due in FY26.
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$457,489	\$457,489	0	Increase due to a grant awarded by the Department of Defense / Federal Voting Assistance Program. The Electronic Absentee Systems for Elections (EASE) grant ensures military service members, their eligible family members, and overseas citizens are aware of their right to vote and have the tools and resources to successfully do so from anywhere in the world. The Federal Funds will help implement a new software solution for these particular voters to digitally receive a ballot, digitally mark the ballot, print the ballot, and provide a tracking number for mailing.
\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	0	Increase in funding for a contract with a professional services vendor to make application changes to GeauxBiz, the Commercial On-line Registration Application and the Election & Registration Information Network.
\$0	\$0	\$621,098	\$0	\$457,489	\$1,078,587	1	Total Other Adjustments

Non-Recurring Other

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
(\$25,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$25,000)	0	Non-recr one-time funding for professional training for museum employees.
(\$25,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$25,000)	0	Total Non-Recurring Adjustments



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Non-Statewide Adjustments Recommended for FY26

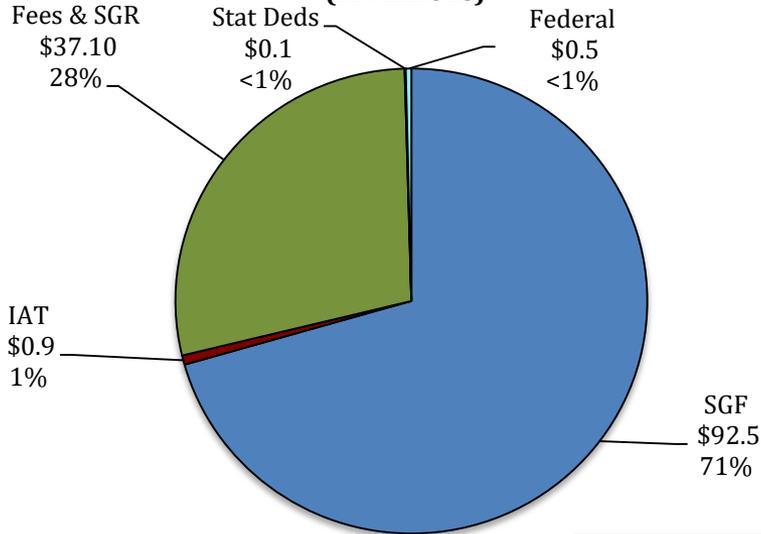
Workload Adjustments

State General Fund (Direct)	Interagency Transfers	Fees and Self-generated Revenues	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total	T.O.	Adjustment
\$1,484,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,484,680	0	Aligns projected election expenses with anticipated need. The FY 2024-2025 existing operating budget for Election Costs is \$20,895,320 and the FY 2025-2026 estimate is \$22,380,000.
\$0	\$12,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,500	0	Adjusts the means of finance for revenue received via Interagency Transfers (IAT) for confirmed IAT Agreements received from other state agencies requesting Imaging and Preservation Services (Microfilm).
\$811,909	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$811,909	0	Provides funding for Registrar of Voters, market rate adjustments, step increases, Certified Elections Registration Administrator certifications and corresponding benefits.
\$17,179,424	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17,179,424	0	The Secretary of State is required to implement a new Closed Party Primary (CPP) system in FY 2025-2026, in accordance with Act 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session and Act 640 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session. This change in the election process will require: (\$12,760,000) to purchase electronic poll books to allow for the unaffiliated voters selection of a party to be recorded and audited; (\$300,000) for implementation costs and trainings for Parish Board of Elections Supervisors, Clerk of Court and staff, Registrar of Voters and staff, elections employees, and Commissioners; (\$619,424) for postage and printing of a mailer that the agency will send to all no-party affiliated voters to select which party they would like to vote with during the statewide election; and (\$3,500,000) for outreach costs to undertake a massive voter education program including a letter explaining the change to every voter, as well as traditional and digital media outreach.
\$19,476,013	\$12,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$19,488,513	0	Total Workload Adjustments



Department of State FY26 Recommended Means of Finance

**FY26 Recommended
Total Means of Finance
(In Millions)**



Total \$ 131.0 m.

Non-SGF Sources of Funding:

Fees and Self-generated Revenues

(1) a \$75 filing fee relative to domestic corporations; (2) a \$125 filing fee relative to foreign corporations; (3) a \$30 filing fee for annual reports relative to domestic and foreign corporations, (4) charges for other services such as registering trademarks and partnerships, providing certificates of good standing, and providing certified copies of any requested documents.

The department also receives reimbursements from municipalities and other local governing authorities that call elections.

Statutory Dedications

The Shreveport Riverfront Convention Center & Independence Stadium Fund (S).

Dedicated Funds	Source of Funding	FY24 Actual	FY25 EOB	FY26 Recommended
Shreveport Riverfront Convention Center & Independence Stadium Fund	State hotel/motel occupancy taxes	\$56,241	\$113,078	\$113,078
TOTALS		\$56,241	\$113,078	\$113,078



Categorical Expenditures

Examples of Categories

Departments expend funding in the five major categories listed below.

Personal Services

- Salaries – Regular, overtime, and termination pay for Classified and Unclassified personnel.
- Other Compensation – Wages, student labor, compensation for board members and/or board of trustees, evening instruction, university instructors, etc.
- Related Benefits – Retirement contributions, post-retirement contributions/benefits, FICA tax, Medicare tax, group insurance contributions, compensated absences, other related benefits, taxable fringe benefits, etc.

Total Operating Expenses

- Travel – In-state and Out-of-state, including meal reimbursement.
- Operating Services – Advertising, printing, insurance, maintenance, rentals, data processing, internet costs, dues and subscriptions, mail delivery, telephones, data lines, vehicle tracking and telematics, utilities, depreciation, amortization, banking services, credit card fees, etc.
- Supplies – office supplies and equipment, computers, clothing and uniforms, medical, pharmaceutical, food, automotive, repair and maintenance, software, etc.

Professional Services – Accounting, auditing, management consulting, engineering, architectural, legal, medical and dental, veterinary, information technology, etc.

Total Other Charges

- Other Charges – Aid to school boards, local government, etc.; public assistance; miscellaneous charges; judgments, fines, and penalties; interest on judgments; punitive/compensatory damages; OC personal services, operating expenses, professional services; contract attorney expenses; recoupments; furlough; contractual services; interest expense; claim payments; commercial group insurance; reinsurance; loans issued; disbursements; etc.
- Debt Service – Principal, interest, related charges, reserve requirement, amortization, and bond premiums.
- Interagency Transfer Line-Item Expenditure – Any expenses paid for with Interagency Transfers – from commodities and services to equipment.

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

- Acquisitions – Land; buildings; automobiles; aircraft; accessories; equipment; software; hardware; farm and heavy equipment; boats; capital outlay expenditures; construction; etc.
- Major Repairs – Land improvement; buildings; automotive; grounds; boats; aircraft; movable equipment; farm equipment; medical; office; library; education; recreation; communication; other equipment; pollution remediation; etc.



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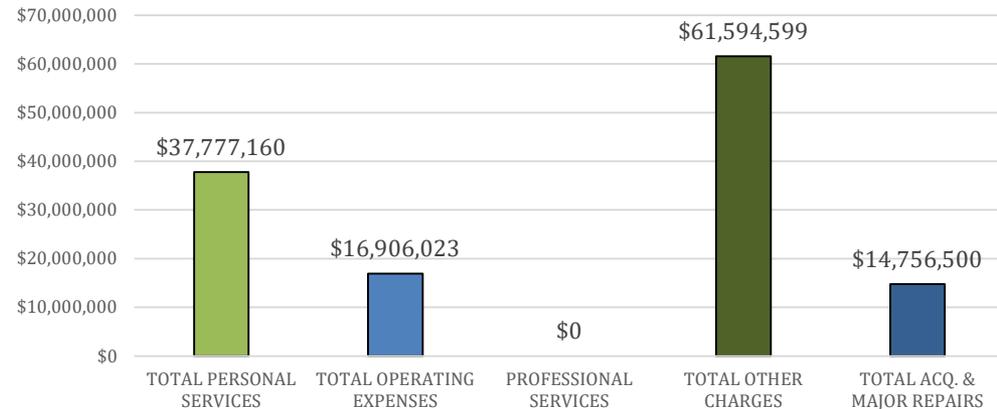
Categorical Expenditures at FY26 Recommended

The largest expenditure category in the Department of State for FY26 Recommended is Total Other Charges at 47 percent of the budget. Other Charges provides for Election Expenses: Administrative Expenses & Field Operations Administration, Voting Machines, Poll Commissioners, Ballot Printing, Registrar of Voters, GeauxBiz One-Stop Portal, etc..

Within this category, Other Charges make up 93 percent of expenditures, while Interagency Transfers contributes 7 percent.

Total Personal Services make up 29 percent of expenditures, followed by Total Operating Expenses at 13 percent.

FY26 Recommended Expenditures



Categorical Expenditures	FY24 Actual	FY25 Enacted	FY25 EOB as of 12/01/24	FY26 Recommended	Difference FY25 EOB vs. FY26 REC
Salaries	\$21,051,706	\$23,653,052	\$23,653,052	\$24,223,954	\$570,902
Other Compensation	\$626,921	\$525,694	\$525,694	\$525,694	\$0
Related Benefits	\$13,225,618	\$13,288,410	\$13,288,410	\$13,027,512	(\$260,898)
TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	\$34,904,245	\$37,467,156	\$37,467,156	\$37,777,160	\$310,004
Travel	\$213,804	\$323,241	\$323,241	\$580,841	\$257,600
Operating Services	\$12,720,488	\$14,848,761	\$15,525,833	\$15,345,661	(\$180,172)
Supplies	\$719,582	\$969,521	\$1,029,736	\$979,521	(\$50,215)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$13,653,874	\$16,141,523	\$16,878,810	\$16,906,023	\$27,213
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Charges	\$53,041,327	\$50,748,237	\$53,506,232	\$57,157,315	\$3,651,083
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interagency Transfers	\$3,642,730	\$3,879,133	\$3,879,133	\$4,437,284	\$558,151
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	\$56,684,057	\$54,627,370	\$57,385,365	\$61,594,599	\$4,209,234
Acquisitions	\$978,661	\$1,038,537	\$1,158,876	\$13,927,500	\$12,768,624
Major Repairs	\$31,875	\$125,000	\$682,511	\$829,000	\$146,489
TOTAL ACQ. & MAJOR REPAIRS	\$1,010,536	\$1,163,537	\$1,841,387	\$14,756,500	\$12,915,113
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$106,252,711	\$109,399,586	\$113,572,718	\$131,034,282	\$17,461,564



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FY26 Recommended Categorical Expenditures

Interagency Transfers

Administrative Program:

\$180,789	Civil Service Fees
\$48,949	State Treasury Fees
\$37,292	Uniform Payroll System (UPS) Fees
\$37,015	Office of State Procurement (OSP) Fees
\$43,891	Legislative Auditor Fees
\$417,619	Office of Technology Services (OTS)
\$240,177	Office of Risk Management (ORM) Premiums
\$140,000	Office of Technology Services - Telecommunications Services
\$86,932	Office of Technology Services/Production Support Services - Printing and Postage

Elections Program:

\$1,023,911	Office of Risk Management (ORM) Premiums
\$829,500	Office of Technology Services - Telecommunications Services
\$960,424	Office of Technology Services/Production Support Services - Printing and Postage
\$4,000	Louisiana Property Assistance Agency - LPAA

Archives and Records Program:

\$3,550	Office of Technology Services - Telecommunications Services
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Museum and Other Operations Program:

\$13,625	Office of Technology Services - Telecommunications Services
\$36,423	Old Governor's Mansion Expenses - Department of Administration / Office of State Buildings
\$187	Office of Technology Services/Production Support Services - Printing

Commercial Program:

\$9,500	Office of Technology Services - Telecommunications Services
\$323,500	Office of Technology Services/Production Support Services - Printing and Postage

(Office of Technology Services payments: \$2,784,837)

Other Charges

Administrative Program:

\$917,000	Information Technology (I.T.) ongoing costs for Elections and Commercial support, including additional I.T. related administrative overhead costs to support the Archives and Museums Programs.
\$50,000	Professional and personal services contracts to provide legal representation and graphic design services.
\$400,000	Additional I.T. services costs commensurate with workload increases. As a result of new federal rules that revised Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, additional services will be procured to implement, monitor and test websites and mobile apps, including nine major applications. This will ensure compliance with new technical standards (CAG 2.1 Level AA), and provide funding to close-out the website upgrade project. In addition, quality assurance funding for operating costs to address Legislative changes that impact I.T. application development and associated testing to ensure business needs are met.

Elections Program:

\$31,746,112	Election costs in accordance with the Election Code, including publication of polling place locations, precinct rent, voting machine drayage, machine set-up, ballots and election material, transmitting election returns, commissioners and deputy parish custodians, Registrar of Voters, Clerk of Court, and Parish Board of Election Supervisors.
\$18,360,688	Registrar of Voters payroll costs

Archives and Records Program:

\$166,249	Contracts for the microfilming of documents
\$50,000	Preservation costs for various audiovisual collections film and cassettes that are in danger of deterioration to digital format.
\$700,000	Digital Repository



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FY26 Recommended Categorical Expenditures

Other Charges

Museum and Other Operations Program:

\$113,078 Shreveport Riverfront Convention Center and Independence Stadium Funds for the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum (LSEM)

\$20,000 Maintenance and repairs costs to restore and preserve the Louisiana State Cotton Museum

Commercial Program:

\$3,000,000 GeauxBiz one-stop portal for registering new businesses in Louisiana, applying for a Louisiana tax account number and unemployment insurance account number.

\$900,000 Commercial On-Line Registration Application (CORA) Filings

\$500,000 Central Electronic Repository

\$234,188 Commercial Miscellaneous Operating Expenses

Acquisitions and Major Repairs

Administrative Program:

\$532,500 **Replacement of I.T. equipment that has reached end of life (EOL) in accordance with the asset lifecycle replacement schedule. Includes approximately 306 outdated computers, core routers, and other outdated information technology equipment.**

Elections Program:

\$12,760,000 Electronic poll (E-Poll) books for all parish precincts statewide

\$60,000 Replacing aging furniture in the elections warehouse

\$75,000 Conference tables, chairs, desks, filing cabinets, and cubicles for the Division of Elections Integrity and Division of Elections

Museum and Other Operations Program:

\$500,000 Upgrade for a large commercial generator to preserve dioramas and exhibits requiring climate control at the Nationally Registered Historic Site located at LSEM.

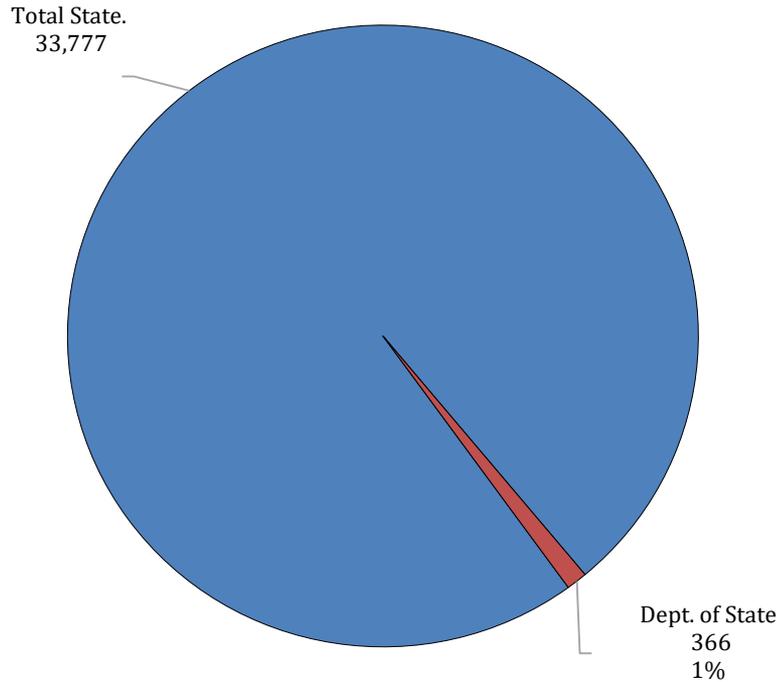
\$829,000 Restoration of an iron metal fence and rotunda renovations at LSEM, repair of a brick wall at the Mansfield Female College Museum, exterior lighting at the Old State Capital, interior painting at the Old Governor's Mansion (OGM), and grounds maintenance at OGM and LSEM.



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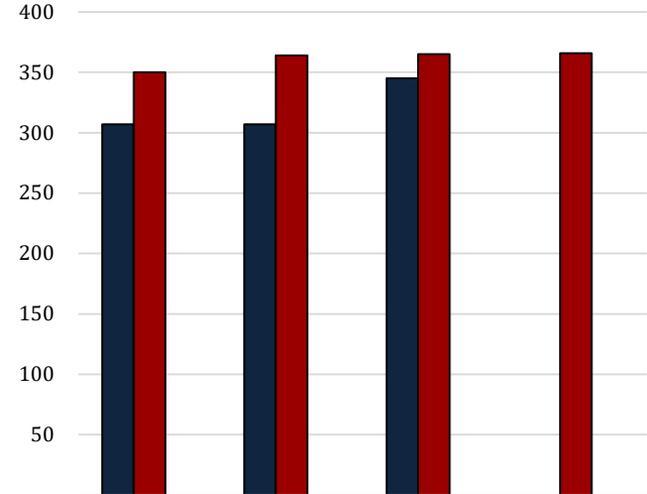
FTEs, Authorized T.O., and Other Charges Positions

FY26 Recommended Department Employees as a portion of FY26 Recommended HB1 Authorized Positions



FY25 number of funded, but not filled, positions as of February 2025 = 15

Number and Types of Positions



	2023	2024	2025	2026 Rec.
■ Total FTEs (1st July Report)	307	307	345	-
■ Authorized T.O. Positions	350	364	365	366
■ Other Charges Positions	-	-	-	-

The full-time equivalent or **FTE** definition refers to the number of hours considered full-time. For example, if an agency considers 40 hours full time, and there are two employees working 20 hours per week, those two employees would be 1.0 FTE.

Authorized Positions are those referred to in the Table of Organization (or T.O.) for each department. This count includes only those positions paid for from the Salaries expenditure category for the organization units and agencies included in each department's appropriation. This excludes positions paid for from other expenditure categories, such as wages or per diem.

Other Charges positions are authorized under R.S. 39:2(5)(b) ...

(5)(b) "Authorized other charges positions" means the number of positions in an appropriation bill to be funded by the other charges continuing category of the accounting system for the state. The number may be adjusted during a fiscal year in accordance with law.

- [Act 377 of 2013 by Rep. Burrell]
- Positions coded in the Other Charges expenditure category
- These positions are usually associated with federal grants



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Related Employment Information

Salaries and Related Benefits for the 366 Authorized Positions are listed below in Chart 1.
 In Chart 2, benefits are broken out to show the portion paid for active versus retired employees.
 This is where payments for the Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) can be found.

1.

Personal Services	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Enacted	2026 Recommended
Salaries	\$20,100,651	\$21,051,706	\$23,653,052	\$24,223,954
Other Compensation	\$651,661	\$626,921	\$525,694	\$525,694
Related Benefits	\$12,555,164	\$13,225,618	\$13,288,410	\$13,027,512
Total Personal Services	\$33,307,476	\$34,904,245	\$37,467,156	\$37,777,160

Average T.O Salary = \$63,653

Examples of Other Compensation include pay for WAE employees, part-time employees, student workers, etc.

2.

Related Benefits FY25 Recommended	Total Funding	%
Total Related Benefits	\$13,027,512	
UAL payments	\$6,865,837	53%
Retiree Health Benefits	\$2,476,021	
Remaining Benefits*	\$3,685,654	
Means of Finance	General Fund = 56%	Other = 44%

Department Demographics	Total	%
Gender		
Female	187	54
Male	162	46
Race/Ethnicity		
White	268	76.8
Black	72	20.6
Other	9	2.6
Currently in DROP or Eligible to Retire	65	19

* Remaining Benefits include employer contribution to authorized positions' retirement, health, Medicare, FICA, Emoluments etc. The authorized positions include authorized T.O. positions and authorized other charges positions, both filled and vacant.

Other Charges Benefits
\$0



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FY26 Recommended Total Authorized Positions by Agency

Museum & Other Operations

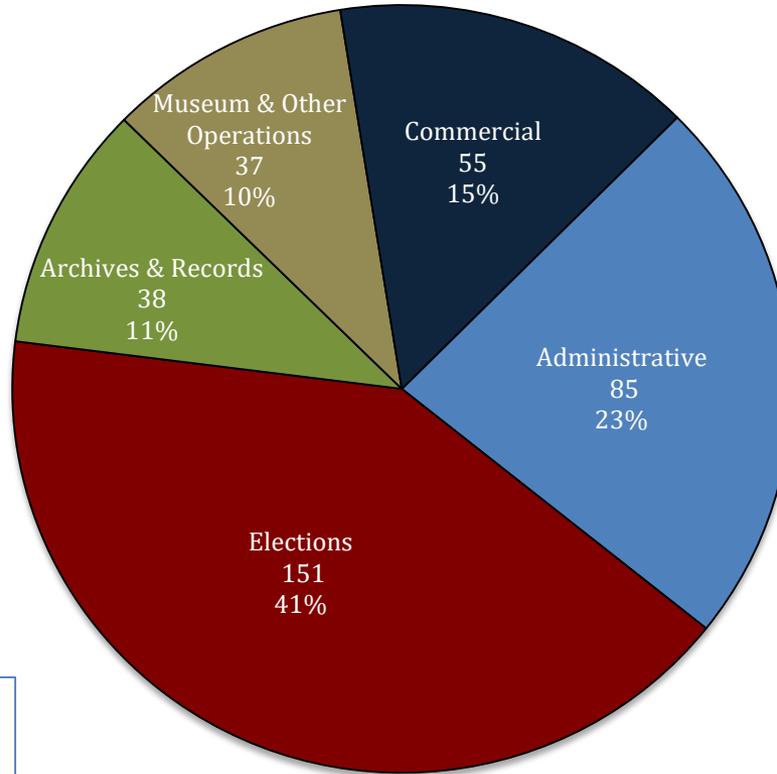
- Includes administration, operation, and maintenance of museums under the authority of the Secretary of State.

Archives & Records - Includes positions that work to collect, preserve & maintain Louisiana records. The remaining positions administer and support the records management program for the state.

Elections - Positions support election operations through maintenance and programming of voting machines and election field operations.

Commercial - Includes positions that serve the business community in timely and efficient services in business licensing.

Administrative - Includes positions for accounting, HR, and purchasing functions. Also includes IT support for the entire department.

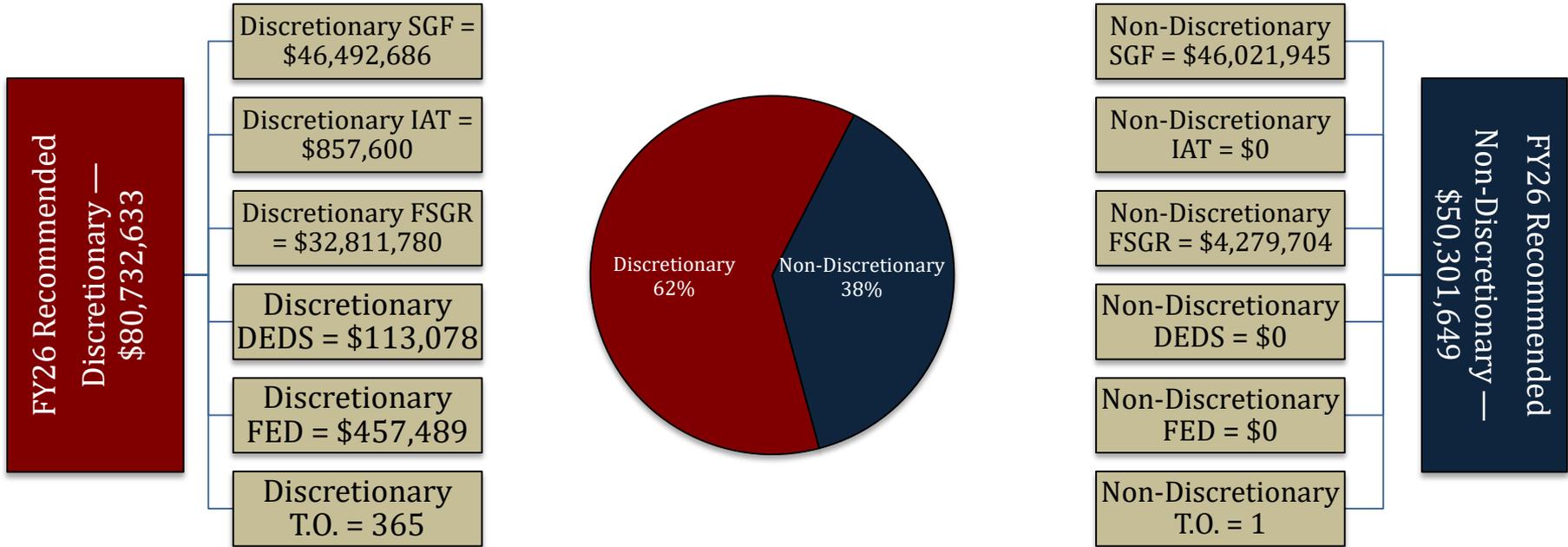


FY26 Recommended Dept. of State	
Administrative	85
Elections	151
Archives & Records	38
Museum & Other Operations	37
Commercial	55
TOTAL	366



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FY26 Discretionary/Non-Discretionary Comparison



Total Discretionary Funding by Office		
Administrative	\$14,708,400	18%
Elections	\$45,263,213	56%
Archives & Records	\$5,009,595	6%
Museum & Other Operations	\$5,469,951	7%
Commercial	\$10,281,474	13%
Total Discretionary	\$ 80,732,633	100%

Total Non-Discretionary Funding by Type		
Constitutional Requirements	\$ 29,421,049	58%
Constitutional Subject to Legislative Discretion	\$ 18,360,688	37%
Unavoidable Obligations	\$ 2,519,912	5%
Total Non-Discretionary	\$ 50,301,649	100%

Constitutional Requirements-Administration of election laws; UAL. Constitutional Subject to Legislative Discretion-Administration of election laws and salaries of Registrars of Voters and their assistants.

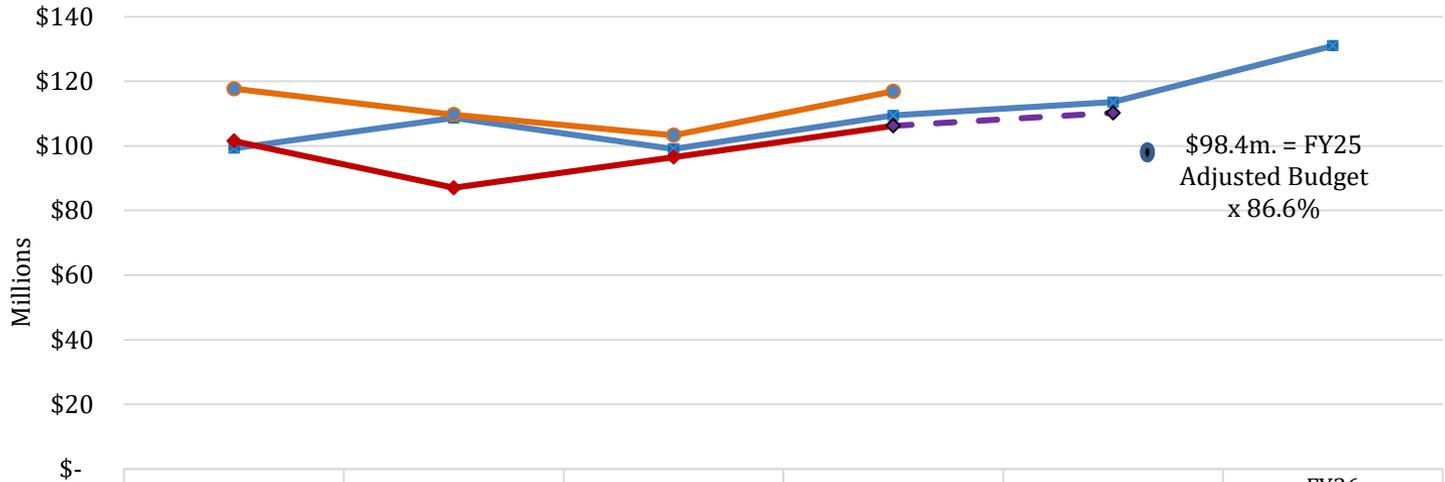
Unavoidable Obligations = Retirees Group Insurance; Legislative Auditor fees.



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Enacted & FYE Budget vs. Actual Expenditures FY21 to FY24

FYE Budget = "Fiscal Year End" Budget includes all in-house and regular BA-7s through June 30 of the fiscal year. For FY25, it is as of January.



FY25 Known Supplemental Needs:
\$0

FY24 General Fund Reversions:
\$ 3,077,199

	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25 EOB	FY26 Recommended
Enacted Budget	\$99,294,734	\$108,642,220	\$99,070,199	\$109,442,585	\$113,572,718	\$131,034,282
FYE Budget	\$117,715,249	\$109,701,621	\$103,316,857	\$116,892,540		
Actual Expenditures	\$101,538,584	\$87,040,198	\$96,510,263	\$106,252,711		
FY25 Expenditure Trend				\$106,252,711	\$110,231,865	

Monthly Budget Activity

	FY25 Adjusted Budget	FY25 Aggregate Expenditures	Remaining Budget Authority	Percent Expended To Date
Jul-24	\$ 109,399,586	\$ 5,393,121	\$ 104,006,465	4.9%
Aug-24	\$ 113,572,718	\$ 14,341,171	\$ 99,231,547	12.6%
Sep-24	\$ 113,572,718	\$ 20,692,332	\$ 92,880,386	18.2%
Oct-24	\$ 113,572,718	\$ 43,638,981	\$ 69,933,737	38.4%
Nov-24	\$ 113,572,718	\$ 50,186,378	\$ 63,386,340	44.2%
Dec-24	\$ 117,311,217	\$ 57,457,748	\$ 59,853,469	49.0%
Jan-25	\$ 117,311,217	\$ 64,301,921	\$ 53,009,296	54.8%

Monthly Budget Activity

	FY25 Adjusted Budget	FY25 Aggregate Expenditures	Remaining Budget Authority	Percent Expended To Date
<i>(Trend based on average monthly expenditures to date)</i>				
Feb-25	\$ 117,311,217	\$ 73,487,910	\$ 43,823,307	62.6%
Mar-25	\$ 117,311,217	\$ 82,673,898	\$ 34,637,319	70.5%
Apr-25	\$ 117,311,217	\$ 91,859,887	\$ 25,451,330	78.3%
May-25	\$ 117,311,217	\$ 101,045,876	\$ 16,265,341	86.1%
Jun-25	\$ 117,311,217	\$ 110,231,865	\$ 7,079,352	94.0%

Historical Year End Average

86.6%



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Significant Points of Interest for FY26

- \$1.5 million in State General Fund (Direct) - An increase for election expenses, including ballot printing, for total Fiscal Year 2025-2026 election expenses of \$22.38 million. Elections include an Open Primary / Orleans Municipal Primary, Open General / Orleans Municipal General, Party Primary / Municipal Primary, Party Runoff / Municipal General.
- The Secretary of State is required to implement a new Closed Party Primary (CPP) system in FY 2025-2026, in accordance with Act 1 of the 2024 First Extraordinary Session and Act 640 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session. State General Fund (Direct) in the amount of \$17.2 million is provided to implement this change in the election process which includes: (\$12.7 million) to purchase electronic poll books to record and audit the selection of a party by unaffiliated voters; (\$300,000) for implementation costs and trainings for Parish Board of Elections Supervisors, Clerk of Court and staff, Registrar of Voters and staff, elections employees, and Commissioners; (\$619,424) for postage and printing of a mailer the agency will send to all no-party affiliated voters to select which party they would like to vote with during the statewide election; and (\$3.5 million) for outreach costs to undertake a massive voter education program including a letter explaining the change to every voter, as well as traditional and digital media outreach.



Department of State Elections in CY 2025

2025 Elections

Type of Election	Special Primary 14 th & 23 rd State Senatorial Districts	Municipal Primary	Municipal General/Special Primary 45 th & 67 th State Representative Districts	Special General 45 th & 67 th State Representative Districts	Open Primary, Orleans Municipal Parochial Primary	Open General, Orleans Municipal Parochial General
Date of Election	February 15, 2025	March 29, 2025	May 3, 2025	June 7, 2025	October 11, 2025	November 15, 2025
Early Voting Begins	February 1, 2025	March 15, 2025	April 19, 2025	May 24, 2025 *	September 27, 2025	November 1, 2025
Early Voting Ends	February 8, 2025	March 22, 2025	April 26, 2025	May 31, 2025	October 4, 2025	November 8, 2025

* If the Governor declares Memorial Day a state observed holiday, early voting will advance one day and begin on 5/23/2025 in accordance with R.S. 18:1309(A)(1)(b)(i).



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