

**TESTIMONY OF
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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

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and the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

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The Governor's Fiscal Year 2021 Supplemental Budget

Senator Breen and Senator Luchini, Representative Pierce and Representative Caiazzo, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Veterans and Legal Affairs, my name is Shenna Bellows and I am the Secretary of State. I am here today to present testimony in support of those items presented in the Supplemental Budget for the Department of the Secretary of State.

Department information begins on page **A-81** of the **Budget Document**.

Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

There is one General Fund initiative:

1. Initiative: Reduces funding by freezing one vacant Elections Coordinator position and one vacant Customer Representative Specialist – Elections position for the remainder of FY21. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 001152 F1. The All Other reduction is **\$123,687 in FY2020-21**.

Freezes Elections Coordinator position for a full year and Customer Representative Specialist - Elections position for 10 months (vacant 9/1/2020).

There is a language item in Part T on page 21 authorizing the State Controller to carry forward any unexpended balance in the All Other line category at the end of fiscal year 2020-21 to the next fiscal year in the Department of Secretary of State, Elections and Commissions-Carrying program, General Fund account to be used as matching funds for the federal Help America Vote Act Election Security grant.

This concludes my testimony on the items included the Governor's proposed Supplemental 2020-2021 budget.

I would be happy to answer questions now or at the work session.