

Please add to L.D. 221, Part A, An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2021, June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

Department of the Secretary of State

Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations - 0692	2021-22	2022-23
Establishes 2 Elections Coordinator positions and provides Funding for related All Other costs.	181,517	175,179

Justification: These positions are needed to help manage and carry out new programs, conduct data gathering and analysis to inform program decisions and activities and to develop and provide guidance and training of municipal officials in about 500 voting jurisdictions. In order to comply with federal laws and ensure uniformity of process, the Elections Division has centralized several areas of election management. These include procurement and distribution of election supplies; leasing and deployment of a uniform system of voting tabulators, creation and testing of election media; processing of applications and issuance of ballots for uniformed service and overseas (UOCAVA) voters. Also, management of the central voter registration (CVR) system, including oversight for data integrity of voter records maintained at the municipal level. Additionally, development and implementation of new voting programs, including implementation of Ranked-choice Voting in 2018, the Presidential Primary introduced in 2020, accessible electronic absentee ballots and automatic voter registration. There has also been an increase in the number of people's veto petitions, challenges and lawsuits. These positions are necessary to ensure that the Secretary of State continues to meet its statutory deadlines.