



GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HEARING – SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE

Presentation. Secretary of State Paul Pate presented his FY 2018 Department request to Governor Terry Branstad on November 28, 2016. The General Fund request includes the following:

- \$575,000 for the Elections Division to move ongoing operating costs currently funded by one-time revenue from the State Election Fund to the General Fund. The State Election Fund balance is projected to be negative by FY 2019. The funding request includes the following:
 - \$75,000 to fund State-mandated election night reporting and for licenses that accompany the I-Voters application.
 - \$300,000 for the I-Voters maintenance contract.
 - \$200,000 for basic equipment replacement and maintenance for security measures for the I-Voters System.
- \$303,000 for the Business Services Division to support existing staffing and service levels.

The other fund requests from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) included the following projects:

- \$1.2 million for FY 2018 for updates to Business Services applications to meet cybersecurity standards for business transactions. As an alternative, the Secretary of State is requesting \$1.4 million per year over a five-year period, totaling \$7.0 million, to completely replace and rebuild the Business Services systems and move all data to a cloud environment.
- \$550,000 for FY 2018 to provide electronic poll books to all 1,681 Iowa precincts. Currently, 29 counties representing approximately 422 precincts still use paper poll books. Of the requested funds, \$250,000 would be used to encrypt data transmitted back and forth between the statewide voter registration database and the county electronic poll books. The remaining \$300,000 would be used to create a revolving loan fund that counties would reimburse to help equip the remaining precincts with electronic poll book hardware within three to five years.
- \$450,000 for FY 2018 to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) to update and replace the current I-Voters System.

Additional Information. Additional information is available from the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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