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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HEARING — SECRETARY OF STATE

On November 17, 2017, Governor Kim Reynolds held a budget hearing for the Office of the Secretary of the State of Iowa. Secretary of State Paul D. Pate presented the Office's FY 2019 budget request at a status quo funding level of \$3.5 million from the General Fund and \$120,400 from the Address Confidentiality Program Fund. Additionally, the Office requested a total of \$1.8 million from the Technology Reinvestment Fund (TRF) for FY 2019. The total budget request is broken down as follows:

Fiscal Year 2019 General Fund Base Appropriation Requests:

- \$2.1 million in the area of Elections/Voter Registration to continue to execute cybersecurity and maintenance improvements to the IVoters system.
- \$1.4 million in the area of Business Services to cover ongoing operational costs. In addition, the Office will begin updating and replacing IT systems with first phase solutions and cybersecurity enhancements.

Fiscal Year 2019 Other Fund Appropriation Requests

- \$120,400 from the Address Confidentiality Program Fund for general operations of the Safe at Home Program for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, stalking, and other violent crimes.
- \$1.8 million from the TRF to develop a request for proposal to replace the current IVoters registration system and implement updates to enable lowans of the age of 17 to vote in a primary election. The entire updating process is expected to last at least five years, and this request covers the down payment for FY 2019 only.

Secretary Pate also provided updates on the Office's programs and initiatives over the last year, stating that individual new business filings surpassed 20,000 applications in FY 2017. Additionally, Secretary Pate stated that in December 2017, the Office plans to begin a soft rollout of up to 85,000 nonoperator's identification cards to address the changes to voter identification pursuant to [HF 516](#) (Election Integrity Act), enacted during the 2017 Legislative Session.

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