
Executive**SOSCD9 Multiple Agent Change Fee****R.C. 111.16**

Requires the Secretary of State to charge and collect \$125, plus \$3 per entity record being changed, for a multiple change of agent name or address, standardization of agent address, or resignation of agent for corporations, nonprofit corporations, foreign corporations, foreign nonprofit corporations, limited liability companies, foreign limited liability companies, business trusts, real estate investment trusts, partnerships, or limited partnerships.

Fiscal effect: No new fiscal effect, as the provision codifies this existing fee.

SOSCD7 Information Systems Fund**R.C. 111.181**

Creates the Information Systems Fund (Fund 4130) in the state treasury to pay for the IT expenses of the Secretary of State's office. Specifies that the fund will consist of receipts from fees charged for special database requests, including corporate and uniform commercial code filings.

Fiscal effect: None. The provision codifies the fund which was created in temporary law in FY 1994.

SOSCD2 Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Fund and Election Reform/Health and Human Services Fund**R.C. 111.28, 389.10**

Creates the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Fund (Fund 3AS0) in codified law. Specifies that HAVA moneys received by the Secretary of State from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission are to be credited to the fund and used for activities conducted pursuant to HAVA. Requires the investment earnings of the fund to be credited to the fund.

Creates the Election Reform/Health and Human Services Fund (Fund 3AH0) in codified law, and specifies that HAVA moneys received by the Secretary of State from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are to be credited to the fund and used to assure access for disabled individuals. Requires the investment earnings of the fund to be credited to the fund.

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Reappropriates the unexpended and unencumbered portion of FED Fund 3AS0 appropriation item 050616, Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Voting Machines, at the end of one fiscal year to the next.

Fiscal effect: The provision codifies these funds which were first created in FY 2006.

SOSCD5 Citizen Education Fund**R.C. 111.29**

Establishes the privately funded Citizen Education Fund (Fund 4140) in codified law, and requires the Secretary of State to use moneys in the fund for preparing, printing, and distributing voter registration and educational materials and for conducting related workshops and conferences.

Fiscal effect: None. The provision codifies the fund which was created by Controlling Board action in FY 1984.

SOSCD6 Distribution Requirements for Session Laws**R.C. 149.091, 149.11, 111.12**

Authorizes the Secretary of State to publish the session laws (the Laws of Ohio) in a paper or electronic format as an alternative to the current requirement for a bound format. Eliminates current specific numbers of copies to be produced and relaxes the distribution requirements by authorizing instead of requiring the free distribution of the session laws to specified persons.

Removes the specified numbers of nonelectronic copies of election statistics and official rosters of federal, state, county, township, and municipal officers currently required to be compiled and published biennially by the Secretary of State. Instead provides that the statistics and rosters must be compiled and published biennially in a paper, book, or electronic format.

Fiscal effect: The most recent printing and publication of session laws cost approximately \$100,000. The printing and production costs of all the above publications should decrease under these provisions

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SOSCD8 Abolishment of the Technology Improvements Fund**R.C. 1309.528, 389.10**

Abolishes the Technology Improvements Fund (Fund 5N90).

Requires the Director of the Office of Budget and Management, on July 1, 2011, or as soon as possible thereafter, to transfer the cash balance in the Technology Improvements Fund (Fund 5N90) to the Uniform Commercial Code Filing Fund (Fund 5990). Requires the Director to cancel any existing encumbrances against Fund 5N90 line item 050607, Technology Improvements, and to re-establish them against Fund 5990 line item 050603, Business Services Operating Expenses. Appropriates those amounts. Abolishes Fund 5N90 upon completion of the transfer.

Fiscal effect: None. Under current law, all fees collected for corporate and uniform commercial code (UCC) filings are deposited into the Corporate and Uniform Commercial Code Filing Fund (Fund 5990), except that 1% of these amounts are deposited into Fund 5N90 for maintaining, improving, and replacing equipment, or training of employees in the use of the equipment. Under this provision, Fund 5990 will retain all UCC filing fees, and equipment and training expenses will be paid for directly out of the fund.

SOSCD1 E-Notifications for Business Services**R.C. 1329.04, 1329.42, 1701.07, 1702.59, 1776.83,
1785.06**

Requires the Secretary of State to use ordinary or electronic mail instead of certified mail or notices sent "in writing" to notify businesses of the need to renew registrations of trade names and marks and statements of continued existence, to file certain biennial reports or statements, and to appoint statutory agents.

Fiscal effect: Some reduction in mailing costs.

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SOSCD11 Filing Fees for Transaction of Business, Mergers, and Consolidations**R.C. 1703.031, 1703.07**

Removes provisions in current law specifying a \$100 fee that applies to banks transacting business in the state and a \$10 filing fee for certificates of merger or consolidation for foreign corporations, and instead specifies that the fees that apply to these entities are those under the fee schedule in R.C. 111.16, which currently sets the fee for all of these filings at \$125.

Fiscal effect: None, as the Secretary of State currently collects the higher fees.

SOSCD10 Board of Voting Machine Examiners Fees**R.C. 3506.05**

Increases from \$1,800 to \$2,400 the fee that must be paid by a voting machine vendor in order to have the Board of Voting Machine Examiners test the voting equipment for possible certification in Ohio.

Fiscal effect: Will increase fees deposited into the Board of Voting Machine Examiners Fund (Fund 4S80), although since there are few such vendors, the increase will be minimal.

SOSCD3 Board of Voting Machine Examiners**Section: 389.10**

Requires that GSF Fund 4S80 appropriation item 050610, Board of Voting Machine Examiners, be used to pay for the services and expenses of the members of the Board of Voting Machine Examiners, and for other expenses that are authorized to be paid from the Board of Voting Machine Examiners Fund (Fund 4S80) created in R.C. 3506.05.

Requires that moneys not used be returned to the person or entity submitting equipment for examination, and states that if it is determined that additional appropriations are necessary, such amounts are appropriated.

Executive**SOSCD4 Holding Account Redistribution Group****Section: 389.10**

Requires that Fund R001 appropriation item 050605, Uniform Commercial Code Refunds, and 090 Fund R002 appropriation item 050606, Corporate/Business Filing Refunds, be used to hold revenues until they are directed to the appropriate accounts or until they are refunded. Appropriates additional amounts if necessary.

SOSCD12 Pollworker Training**Section: 389.10**

Requires that GRF appropriation item 050407, Pollworkers Training, be used to reimburse county boards of elections for pollworker training pursuant to section 3501.27 of the Revised Code. Reappropriates an amount equal to the unexpended, unencumbered portion of appropriation item 050407, Pollworker Training, at the end of FY 2012 for the same purpose in FY 2013.

SOSCD13 HAVA Funds**Section: 389.10**

Requires the Director of OBM to credit the interest earnings from the Election Reform/Health and Human Services Fund (Fund 3AH0), the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Voting Machine Fund (Fund 3AS0), and the Election Data Collection Grant Fund (Fund 3AC0) to the respective funds.

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Personal Income Tax

TAXCD4 Mail-in Voter Registration Materials with Income Tax Returns

R.C. 5703.05

Eliminates the requirement that the Department of Taxation include mail-in voter registration materials with income tax returns.

Fiscal effect: Reduces costs for the Secretary of State, which pays all costs for the inclusion of the mail-in registration form under current law.
