

Redbook

LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal

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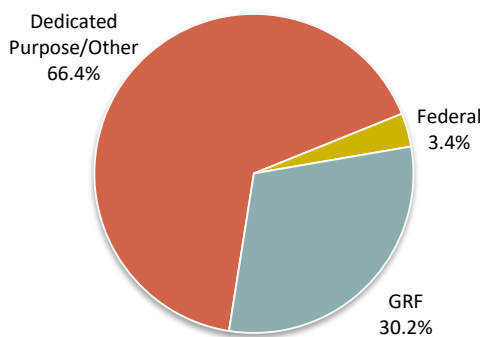
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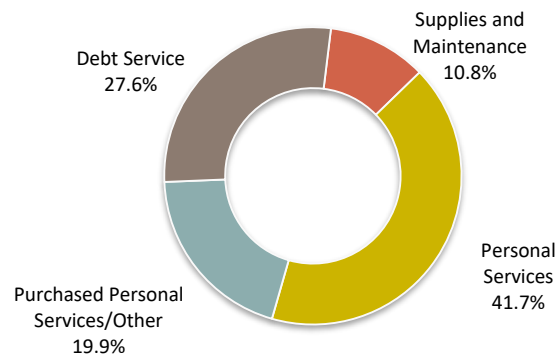
- The Secretary of State (SOS) oversees elections and business licensing in Ohio, as well as notary services and the Safe at Home address confidentiality program, among other responsibilities. The office employs a staff of approximately 136 as of February 2023.
- The large increase in FY 2023 is due to supplemental funding from the General Assembly to conduct the May 3, 2022 and August 2, 2022 primary elections.
- The budget totals about \$88.4 million for the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium. Approximately \$58.7 million (66.4%) of this biennial funding comes from business and notary filing fees.
- GRF funding makes up approximately \$26.7 million (30.2%) of biennial funding. Federal grants account for \$3.0 million (3.4%) of the budget for the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium.
 - Approximately \$24.4 million (91.4%) of GRF funding is for debt service payments on obligations issued to purchase county voting systems. The remaining \$2.2 million is for cybersecurity personnel, poll worker training, and federally required matching funds.

Fund Group	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
General Revenue (GRF)	\$10,298,824	\$14,108,394	\$13,090,000	\$13,590,000
Dedicated Purpose (DPF)	\$33,569,992	\$64,104,612	\$28,412,537	\$30,095,278
Federal (FED)	\$3,910,020	\$12,762,601	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Holding Account (HLD)	\$32,044	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
Total	\$47,810,880	\$91,060,605	\$43,087,537	\$45,270,278
% change	--	90.4%	-52.6%	5.1%
GRF % change	--	37.0%	-7.2%	3.8%

**Chart 1: SOS Budget by Fund Group
FY 2024-FY 2025 Biennium**



**Chart 2: SOS Budget by Expense Category
FY 2024-FY 2025 Biennium**



Biennial total: \$88.4 million

Overview

The Secretary of State (SOS) supervises the administration of election laws and the 88 county boards of elections. The SOS also chairs the five-member Ohio Ballot Board, which approves statewide ballot language, reviews statewide initiative and referendum petitions, and informs voters about proposed ballot issues. In overseeing elections, the SOS compiles and maintains election statistics, political party records, and other related records, including campaign finance reports filed by candidates running for statewide office, the General Assembly, and political action committees. These responsibilities are handled by the Elections Division. The SOS also oversees business licensing in the state. This function is handled by the Business Services Division. In addition, the Division handles a variety of Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) filings. The Business Services Division also houses the Notary Commission. Overall, the SOS employs approximately 136 people according to February 2023 payroll records.

Appropriation summary

As Chart 1 in the **“Quick look”** section on the preceding page shows, the executive budget provides the SOS a total of \$26.7 million (30.2%) in GRF funding, over 90% of which is for debt service on purchases of new voting machines for counties. The remaining portion of the GRF funding is for (1) cybersecurity staffing, (2) the match required for Help America Vote Act grant funding, and (3) poll worker training. The largest share of funding for the SOS comes from filing fees on businesses and notaries in various funds within the Dedicated Purpose Fund Group. Together, these fees plus a small amount in the form of business filing refunds support approximately \$58.7 million (66.4%) of proposed funding for the biennium. These amounts fully support the Business Services Division and also provide supplemental funding for the Elections Division. Finally, \$3.0 million (3.4%) over the biennium comes from federal funding in the form of grants issued by the U.S. Elections Assistance Commission (EAC).

Chart 2 shows the proposed budget for the SOS by object of expense. The amounts budgeted for personal services are just under \$36.9 million (41.7%). Debt service expenses of \$24.4 million (27.6%) for county voting machines account for the second largest expenditure over the biennium. Altogether, purchased personal services, equipment, transfers, and other miscellaneous costs of approximately \$17.5 million, account for 19.9% of the expenditures for the upcoming biennium. Finally, supplies and maintenance costs of \$9.6 million account for 10.8% of anticipated expenditures for the upcoming biennium.

FY 2022-FY 2023 highlights

As the **“Quick Look”** table on the previous page indicates, FY 2023 estimated expenditures of \$91.0 million are approximately \$48.0 million higher than FY 2024 appropriations of \$43.1 million, a decrease of 52.6% in funding. The greater amount of estimated FY 2023 spending is primarily the result of two factors: (1) supplemental funding given to the SOS for conducting two primary elections during the 2022 election cycle, paid from the BOE Reimbursement and Education Fund (Fund 5FG0), and (2) an appreciable increase in estimated spending from the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Fund (Fund 3AS0). These additional expenditures are expected to amount to about \$42.4 million in FY 2023. The additional spending related to the 2022 primary election is discussed in greater detail below.

Supplemental funding for primary elections

The 134th General Assembly provided supplemental funding totaling \$29.2 million to the SOS to cover additional costs that county boards of elections and the SOS incurred for running two state primary elections in 2022. This supplemental GRF funding was included in three separate bills, as detailed below. All three bills required that any unused amounts from these cash transfers be returned to the GRF. In total, the SOS anticipates that approximately \$8.7 million will be returned to the GRF by the end of FY 2023.

H.B. 377 of the 134th General Assembly provided \$20.0 million to the SOS through a GRF cash transfer to the BOE Reimbursement and Education Fund (Fund 5FG0). This specific funding transfer was used to assist counties in conducting the August 2, 2022 primary election, the second primary election of the cycle. The funding was allocated to county boards of elections on a ratio based upon the number of registered voters in each county.

S.B. 9 of the 134th General Assembly provided \$9.0 million to the SOS, also through a GRF cash transfer to Fund 5FG0. This was used to provide supplemental funding assistance to county boards of elections to pay for extra employee overtime and for additional temporary workers, increased vendor expenses related to voting equipment, and increased ballot production costs related to the May 3, 2022 primary election.

S.B. 11 of the 134th General Assembly provided \$200,000 in supplemental funding, once again through a GRF cash transfer to Fund 5FG0. The SOS used this funding to meet the revised election mailing deadlines pertaining to military and overseas voter ballots for the May 3, 2022 primary election. Changing those deadlines caused increased mailing costs for the 1,337 military and overseas voter ballots mailed for the May 3, 2022 primary election.

Electronic pollbook funding

H.B. 45 of the 134th General Assembly provided \$7.5 million to the Electronic Pollbook Fund (Fund 5ZE0) through a cash transfer from the GRF. This money is to be used by the SOS to cover the costs that counties incur for the purchase of electronic pollbooks and other ancillary equipment. Under the bill, the SOS must calculate each county's share of this funding, based upon the number of registered voters in each county. The payment to counties must be the lesser of 85% of the actual acquisition costs, or the allocation to that county, as calculated by the SOS. As of February 2023, no counties have acquired new pollbooks using this funding. However, some county boards of elections are beginning the process of acquisition now, meaning that some spending for this equipment may occur by the end of FY 2023. H.B. 45 allowed for the reappropriation of the unused portion of the \$7.5 million in FY 2024, so it is possible that these disbursements may not be made until the next fiscal year.

Public Integrity Division

The Public Integrity Division, created in the previous biennium, consolidates parts of the office's investigative functions, including campaign finance reporting, voting system certification, voter registration integrity, election law violation investigations, data retention, and cybersecurity protocols. Going forward, the Division will be funded through business filing revenues deposited into Fund 5990. A majority of the staffing costs will be paid from appropriation item 050603, Business Services Operating Expenses.

Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 budget proposal

Elections Services

This category of appropriations funds the Secretary of State's (SOS's) Elections Division, which is responsible for the administration and oversight of all elections in the state, as well as poll worker training. Overall, \$18.5 million in FY 2024 and \$19.6 million in FY 2025 is proposed for Elections Services. Approximately 70.8% of the proposed funding for these activities in FY 2024 and 73.5% in FY 2025 is supported by the GRF.

Operating Expenses (ALI 050321)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
GRF ALI 050321, Operating Expenses					
\$1,224,334	\$1,074,109	\$622,985	\$1,140,000	\$890,000	\$890,000
% change	-100%	N/A	-32.6%	-21.9%	0.0%

This ALI is used to support cybersecurity measures throughout the SOS's Office. This includes the salaries of the Chief Information Officer and Chief Information Security Officer. This appropriation also provides a total of \$75,000 to reimburse county boards of elections for post-election audits. According to the SOS, two post-election audits will occur in FY 2023 and one will occur in FY 2024. Finally, this ALI is used to partially provide required federal matches for federal HAVA grants described later under Fund 3AS0 ALI 050616, Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

H.B. 45 of the 134th General Assembly appropriated an additional \$250,000 in FY 2023 to be used by the SOS for services and activities that support public integrity, data analytics, and data transparency. In the upcoming biennium, these duties will be handled by the Public Integrity Division, which is funded through the Business Services Fund (Fund 5990).

Poll Workers Training (ALI 050407)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
GRF ALI 050407, Poll Workers Training					
\$0	\$421,552	\$0	\$468,392	\$0	\$500,000
% change	N/A	--	N/A	--	N/A

Boards of elections are responsible for initial and ongoing training of poll workers and presiding judges. Training occurs twice per year. Currently, the SOS annually reimburses counties for those expenses once a statement of expenses has been received through this ALI. (Online training sessions and training materials for poll workers are also available on the SOS's website. These costs, however, are budgeted under DPF appropriation item 050631, Precinct Election Officials Training.) The FY 2024-FY 2025 budget contains a provision requiring the SOS to issue these poll worker training grants to county boards of election up front rather than on a

reimbursement basis. The grant amounts, however, will be the same that each county board of elections has typically been reimbursed under the current funding method.

County Voting Systems Lease Rental Payments (ALI 050509)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
GRF ALI 050509, County Voting Systems Lease Rental Payments					
\$10,100,217	\$9,104,824	\$9,675,838	\$12,500,000	\$12,200,000	\$12,200,000
% change	-9.9%	6.3%	29.2%	-2.4%	0.0%

This GRF ALI is used to pay the debt service on obligations issued for county voting machine acquisitions under S.B. 135 of the 132nd General Assembly. That act required debt issuance of up to \$104.5 million to ensure the payment for these machine acquisitions. As of FY 2022, there have been \$80 million in obligations issued for 53 counties to acquire new voting machines.

Board of Voting Machine Examiners (ALI 050610)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
Fund 4S80 ALI 050610, Board of Voting Machine Examiners					
\$13,610	\$13,152	\$18,710	\$26,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
% change	-3.4%	42.2%	41.1%	-45.5%	0.0%

This ALI is used to pay for services and expenses of the members of the Board of Voting Machine Examiners. It also pays for the cost of examining, testing, and certifying voting machine devices. The funding for these purposes is derived from fees charged to voting machine vendors for machine certification. Given the \$2,400 vendor certification fee, this level of funding assumes six items of voting equipment will be brought before the Board for certification annually.

Statewide Voter Registration Database (ALI 050629)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
Fund 5990 ALI 050629, Statewide Voter Registration Database					
\$685,435	\$927,040	\$733,775	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
% change	35.2%	-20.8%	-4.6%	0.0%	0.0%

This ALI is used to support the numerous functions related to the Statewide Voter Registration Database (SWVRD), such as maintaining the communication lines between SWVRD and 88 county boards of elections as well as IT hardware and software maintenance support for the system. Since FY 2017, the database has been funded through the Business Services Fund (Fund 5990).

Election Support Supplement (ALI 050630)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
Fund 5990 ALI 050630, Election Support Supplement					
\$2,136,188	\$2,152,925	\$2,465,911	\$3,180,226	\$2,960,000	\$3,090,000
% change	0.8%	14.5%	29.0%	-6.9%	4.4%

This ALI is used to pay for the expenses that the SOS incurs for administering elections, including the salaries of Elections Division employees working in the three areas described immediately below. Approximately 22 employees will be funded through this appropriation. The current source of operating revenue for these election oversight functions are corporate and business filing fees that are deposited into Fund 5990.

The Elections Division is divided into three areas. The Elections Section provides instructions and develops procedures for conducting elections and prescribes applicable forms for voter registration, petitions, and ballot language. The Campaign Finance Section receives, processes, and examines all submitted campaign finance statements. The Field Services Section acts as a liaison between the SOS and county boards of elections, and distributes elections-related information to citizens.

Help America Vote Act (HAVA) (ALI 050616)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
Fund 3AS0 ALI 050616, Help America Vote Act (HAVA)					
\$9,331,607	\$16,665,300	\$3,910,020	\$12,762,601	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
% change	78.6%	-76.5%	226.4%	-88.3%	0.0%

This ALI is used to carry out HAVA-related requirements through federal money deposited into the Help America Vote Act Fund (Fund 3AS0). For the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, recommended funding under this ALI is \$1.5 million in each fiscal year. (However, it may be that some unused FY 2023 appropriations may be carried over for use in FY 2024.)

The types of things that this federal funding supports include: (1) improving the statewide voter registration database, (2) acquiring, modifying, or replacing voting systems and technology, and (3) implementing the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act. As an example, in the FY 2020-FY 2021 biennium, the SOS received two grants through the Elections Assistance Commission (EAC). The first grant of \$13.7 million was used to provide grants to county boards of elections for elections cybersecurity, physical security, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance upgrades; improving cybersecurity monitoring; and other IT-related upgrades. The second grant of approximately \$12.8 million from the EAC was used to support county boards of elections in conducting in-person elections for the November 6, 2020 general election. In FY 2022, the SOS received just over \$2.0 million in EAC election security grant funding. There is no anticipated EAC grant funding in the upcoming biennium. Thus far in FY 2023,

\$3.5 million has been spent under this ALI. This spending has been used to improve the Albert election security system which is used by county boards of elections to detect electronic intrusions into their networks.

Business Services

The ALIs in this category are used to pay for functions carried out by the Business Services Division. The Division is responsible for handling articles of incorporation for Ohio corporations and granting licenses to out-of-state corporations seeking to do business in Ohio. The Division is also responsible for processing numerous types of filings under the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC). Business filing fees deposited into Fund 5990 account for nearly \$48.7 million (97.0%) of the over \$50.2 million in biennial funding proposed for the Business Services Division. The \$1.6 million remainder (3.2%) is budgeted for filing refunds, Notary Commission services, and management of the “Safe at Home” address confidentiality program. Fund 5990 collected over \$25.5 million in fee revenue in FY 2022. As of February 2023, it has collected approximately \$15.2 million from these various fees in FY 2023. The current cash balance is \$40.1 million.

Business Services Operating Expenses (ALI 050603)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
Fund 5990 ALI 050603, Business Services Operating Expenses					
\$13,177,691	\$14,384,586	\$17,369,792	\$19,378,113	\$23,818,137	\$24,850,878
% change	9.2%	20.8%	11.6%	22.9%	4.3%

This ALI is used to pay the expenses associated with collecting and processing UCC filings as well as filings associated with corporations or partnerships, including the personnel costs for the Business Services Division. It is also used to pay a portion of the operating costs of the Public Integrity Division established in the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium. The revenue that supports the appropriation comes from fees charged for corporate and UCC filings. There are approximately 140 different UCC and business filing fees for the state. Of the proposed funding, most will go to payroll and supplies and maintenance. Approximately \$13.7 million in FY 2024 and \$14.2 million in FY 2025 is slated for payroll. The amount budgeted for supplies, maintenance, and equipment is approximately \$6.3 million in FY 2024 and \$6.6 million in FY 2025. Purchased personal services comprises the remaining \$3.8 million in FY 2024 and \$4.0 million in FY 2025.

Notary Commission (ALI 050609)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
Fund 4120 ALI 050609, Notary Commission					
\$392,166	\$473,295	\$422,607	\$475,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
% change	20.7%	-10.7%	12.4%	5.3%	0.0%

This ALI is used to pay the expenses of the Notary Public Office, including the cost of issuing licenses. The ALI is funded through a \$15 fee paid by individuals for notary public licenses valid for five years, except notary commissions held by practicing attorneys, which are valid as long as the attorney lives in Ohio. The Notary Commission also oversees minister licenses (\$10 fee) and special police officer commissions (\$15). Overall, \$475,000 in each fiscal year under the FY 2024-FY 2025 budget is designated for payroll, with the remaining \$25,000 each fiscal year going to supplies and maintenance. The Notary Commission Fund (Fund 4120) collected just over \$413,200 in revenue in FY 2022. As of February 2023, FY 2023 receipts total just under \$243,000.

Address Confidentiality (ALI 050626)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
Fund 5SN0 ALI 050626, Address Confidentiality					
\$91,931	\$94,862	\$175,003	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
% change	3.2%	84.5%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%

This ALI is used to fund the Safe at Home address confidentiality program for survivors of domestic violence stalking, human trafficking, rape, or sexual battery and certain other crimes. The program was created by H.B. 359 of the 131st General Assembly. Under the program, the SOS arranges to receive mail on the participant's behalf, shielding the information from public records. The mail is subsequently forwarded to a confidential mailing address. Eligible voters who are participating in the Safe at Home Program may also register to vote or vote by absentee ballot without address information appearing in public voter registration files.

The Safe at Home Program is funded through fines that courts impose when sentencing certain offenders for various offenses. Fines deposited into the Address Confidentiality Fund (Fund 5SN0) in FY 2022 amounted to approximately \$11,500. The amount collected so far in FY 2023 is nearly \$15,000. Because these sums are insufficient to run the program, uncodified law allows for cash transfers of up to \$200,000 (the full annual appropriation) from the Business Services Fund (Fund 5990) to cover the funding needs of the program.

Corporate/Business Filing Refunds (ALI 050606)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
Fund R002 ALI 050606, Corporate/Business Filing Refunds					
\$36,058	\$56,621	\$32,044	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
% change	57.0%	-43.4%	165.3%	0.0%	0.0%

This ALI is used to pay out UCC and corporate filing fees that may be subject to refund. These refunds occur when, for example, filings are rejected or otherwise not recorded, or when the applicant has made an overpayment.

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General Revenue Fund

GRF 050321 Operating Expenses

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$1,224,334	\$1,074,109	\$622,985	\$1,140,000	\$890,000	\$890,000
% change	-12.3%	-42.0%	83.0%	-21.9%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Section 395.10 of H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.

Purpose: This line is used to pay the staffing costs for cybersecurity personnel, including the Chief Information Officer and Chief Information Security Officer, as well as provide the federally required matching funding for grants received under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and appropriated under Fund 3AS0 line item 050616, Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

GRF 050407 Poll Workers Training

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$0	\$421,552	\$0	\$468,392	\$0	\$500,000
% change	N/A	-100%	N/A	-100%	N/A

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 395.10 and 395.20 of H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to provide online training programs and reimburse county boards of elections for costs associated with poll worker training programs. Training typically occurs twice per year.

GRF 050509 County Voting Systems Lease Rental Payments

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$10,100,217	\$9,104,824	\$9,675,838	\$12,500,000	\$12,200,000	\$12,200,000
% change	-9.9%	6.3%	29.2%	-2.4%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 395.10 and 395.20 of H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A. (originally established in S.B. 135 of the 132nd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used to make debt service payments on obligations issued through the Office of Budget and Management for counties to acquire new voting and tabulation equipment in accordance with S.B. 135 of the 132nd General Assembly.

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Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4120 050609 Notary Commission

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$392,166	\$473,295	\$422,607	\$475,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
% change	20.7%	-10.7%	12.4%	5.3%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees paid by individuals for notary public licenses

Legal Basis: R.C. 147.01 and 147.37; Section 395.10 of H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.

Purpose: This line item pays for the operating costs for the Notary Public Office, including the cost of issuing licenses.

4140 050602 Citizens Education Fund

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$0	\$1,128,090	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	-100%	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Donations from private groups for specified voter education purposes

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item

Purpose: This line item was used to support voter education programs. Costs include preparing, printing, and distributing voter registration and educational materials, and conducting related workshops and conferences. Ohio was awarded a grant of \$440,000 in FY 2017 by The Pew Charitable Trusts to assist in offsetting the costs associated with designing, purchasing, and mailing notifications to eligible but unregistered voters as required by membership in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). Section 516.20 of H.B. 110 requires the Secretary of State to cancel any encumbrances under this line item and return the amounts in Fund 4140 to the original donors. Once these actions are complete, the fund is abolished.

4S80 050610 Board of Voting Machine Examiners

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$13,610	\$13,152	\$18,700	\$26,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
% change	-3.4%	42.2%	41.2%	-45.5%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fee of \$2,400 charged to voting machine vendors

Legal Basis: R.C. 3506.05; Sections 395.10 and 395.20 of H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to pay for services and expenses of the four members of the Board of Voting Machine Examiners and for other expenses related to examining, testing, and certifying voting machine devices.

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5990 050603 Business Services Operating Expenses

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$13,177,691	\$14,384,586	\$17,369,792	\$19,378,113	\$23,818,137	\$24,850,878
% change	9.2%	20.8%	11.6%	22.9%	4.3%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees charged for Corporate and Uniform Commercial Code filings

Legal Basis: R.C. 111.16 to 111.18 and 1309.528; Section 395.10 of H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to pay for expenses the Business Services Division incurs for processing Uniform Commercial Code filings and various filings required of corporations and partnerships.

5990 050629 Statewide Voter Registration Database

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$685,435	\$927,040	\$733,775	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
% change	35.2%	-20.8%	-4.6%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees charged for Corporate and Uniform Commercial Code filings

Legal Basis: Section 395.10 of H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board in November 2016)

Purpose: This line item is used to pay the maintenance and operating costs of the Statewide Voter Registration Database (SWVRD). Before 2016, these costs were paid through funds made available by the Help America Vote Act.

5990 050630 Elections Support Supplement

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$2,136,188	\$2,152,925	\$2,465,911	\$3,180,226	\$2,960,000	\$3,090,000
% change	0.8%	14.5%	29.0%	-6.9%	4.4%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees charged for Corporate and Uniform Commercial Code filings

Legal Basis: Section 395.10 of H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to pay the various operating expenses associated with election administration, including the salaries of the Elections Division staff. The Elections Division consists of three sections: (1) Elections, which provides instructions and procedures for voter registration, petitions, and ballot language; (2) Campaign Finance, which processes and examines campaign finance statements; and (3) Field Services, which provides liaison services to county boards of elections and gives voter information to citizens. Prior to FY 2018, these expenses were paid from GRF appropriations.

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5990 050631 Precinct Election Officials Training

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$0	\$578,448	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
% change	N/A	-100%	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees charged for Corporate and Uniform Commercial Code filings

Legal Basis: As needed line item

Purpose: This line item has been used to provide online training programs and reimburse county boards of elections for costs associated with poll worker training programs. Most recently, funding under this line item was used to assist county boards of elections with precinct election official training in preparation for the November 3, 2020 General Election, in conjunction with GRF line item 050407, Poll Workers Training.

5990 050636 County Election Official Training

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$16,210	\$200,000	\$220,000	\$240,000
% change	N/A	N/A	1,133.8%	10.0%	9.1%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees charged for Corporate and Uniform Commercial Code filings.

Legal Basis: Established by Controlling Board on October 10, 2021.

Purpose: This line item is used to provide support for training provided to Ohio election officials, including the Secretary of State's annual summer training.

5FG0 050620 BOE Reimbursement and Education

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$83,053	\$19,220	\$12,362,867	\$29,400,000	\$0	\$0
% change	-76.9%	64,224.4%	137.8%	-100%	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Transfers authorized by the Controlling Board

Legal Basis: Section 395.10 of H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to reimburse boards of elections for the costs of certain special elections and recounts. The increase in spending in FY 2022 relates to approximately \$3.0 million in expenditures incurred for holding special elections in the 11th and 15th Congressional Districts. The increase in FY 2022 spending also reflects transfers of \$9.0 million made in S.B. 9 of the 134th G.A. to provide supplemental funding to county boards of elections for conducting the August 2, 2022 primary election. Additionally, the FY 2023 amount includes \$20.0 million in supplemental funding via a GRF transfer that was appropriated in H.B. 377 of the 134th G.A.. This money, too, was slated for county boards of elections to conduct the August 2022 primary election.

Secretary of State

5RG0 050627 Absentee Voter Ballot Application Mailing

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$3,310,052	\$3,689,948	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0
% change	11.5%	-100%	N/A	-100%	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Cash transfers approved by the Controlling Board

Legal Basis: As needed line item (originally established by Controlling Board on June 20, 2016)

Purpose: This line item is used to pay the costs associated with the printing and mailing of unsolicited applications for absent voter's ballots.

5SN0 050626 Address Confidentiality

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$91,931	\$94,862	\$175,003	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
% change	3.2%	84.5%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Court fines of \$70 to \$500 levied against certain offenders; cash transfers of up to \$200,000 per fiscal year from the Business Services Operating Expenses Fund (Fund 5990)

Legal Basis: R.C. 111.48, 2929.18, and 2929.28; Sections 395.10 and 395.20 of H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to administer the Address Confidentiality Program for eligible survivors of domestic violence or people who have been subjected to menacing by stalking, human trafficking, rape, or sexual battery. This service ensures that a program participant's address is kept confidential. It works by having the Secretary of State receiving mail on the participant's behalf, then forwarding it to the prescribed confidential mailing address.

5VX0 050634 Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$5,127	\$44,873	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	N/A	775.3%	-100%	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Gifts and donations made to the fund, and earned interest

Legal Basis: Sections 395.10 and 395.20 of H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.

Purpose: This line is used to provide funding to the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission for planning and hosting events related to women's suffrage and raising awareness about the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

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5ZE0 050638 Electronic Pollbooks

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,500,000	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	-100%	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group:

Legal Basis:

Purpose:

Holding Account Fund Group

R002 050606 Corporate/Business Filing Refunds

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$36,058	\$56,621	\$32,044	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
% change	57.0%	-43.4%	165.3%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Holding Account Fund Group: Corporate, Uniform Commercial Code, and business filing fees

Legal Basis: Sections 395.10 and 395.20 of H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to refund filers for corporate filings that are not recorded or for overpayments related to these filings. Beginning in FY 2020, this line item is also used to make refunds for Uniform Commercial Code filings that are not recorded or for overpayments related to those filings.

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Federal Fund Group

3AS0 050616 Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
\$9,331,607	\$16,665,300	\$3,910,020	\$12,762,601	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
% change	78.6%	-76.5%	226.4%	-88.2%	0.0%

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 90.401, Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002 Pub. L. No. 107-252; federal Election Security Grants awarded to Ohio under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Legal Basis: Sections 395.10 and 395.20 of H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.

Purpose: The line item is used to purchase new Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) or optical scan voting machines in compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002, make voter registration upgrades, provide voter education, and administer the federal grant program. In April 2020, the U.S. Election Commission awarded Ohio \$13.6 million to improve the administration of elections for federal office. This money, along with a required 20% match, was used to enhance election technology and make cybersecurity improvements to voting systems, equipment and processes. Pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, this funding was also used to pay all eligible costs for the 2020 primary and general election cycles, including reimbursing county boards of elections for the cost of personnel, equipment and supplies, personal protective equipment, and sanitization materials used at polling locations. Overall, \$11.2 million in subsidies were provided to local boards of elections from this line item in FY 2021.

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All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency			FY 2022	Estimate FY 2023	Introduced FY 2024	FY 2023 to FY 2024 % Change	Introduced FY 2025	FY 2024 to FY 2025 % Change
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: As Introduced					
SOS	Secretary of State							
GRF	050321	Operating Expenses	\$ 622,985	\$ 1,140,000	\$ 890,000	-21.93%	\$ 890,000	0.00%
GRF	050407	Poll Workers Training	\$ 0	\$ 468,392	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 500,000	N/A
GRF	050509	County Voting Systems Lease Rental Payments	\$ 9,675,838	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,200,000	-2.40%	\$ 12,200,000	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 10,298,824	\$ 14,108,392	\$ 13,090,000	-7.22%	\$ 13,590,000	3.82%
4120	050609	Notary Commission	\$ 422,607	\$ 475,000	\$ 500,000	5.26%	\$ 500,000	0.00%
4S80	050610	Board of Voting Machine Examiners	\$ 18,700	\$ 26,400	\$ 14,400	-45.45%	\$ 14,400	0.00%
5990	050603	Business Services Operating Expenses	\$ 17,369,792	\$ 19,378,113	\$ 23,818,137	22.91%	\$ 24,850,878	4.34%
5990	050629	Statewide Voter Registration Database	\$ 733,775	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	0.00%	\$ 700,000	0.00%
5990	050630	Elections Support Supplement	\$ 2,465,911	\$ 3,180,226	\$ 2,960,000	-6.92%	\$ 3,090,000	4.39%
5990	050631	Precinct Election Officials Training	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 500,000	N/A
5990	050636	County Election Official Training	\$ 16,210	\$ 200,000	\$ 220,000	10.00%	\$ 240,000	9.09%
5FG0	050620	BOE Reimbursement and Education	\$ 12,362,867	\$ 29,400,000	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
5RG0	050627	Absentee Voter Ballot Application Mailing	\$ 0	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
5SNO	050626	Address Confidentiality	\$ 175,003	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	0.00%	\$ 200,000	0.00%
5VX0	050634	Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission	\$ 5,127	\$ 44,873	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
5ZE0	050638	Electronic Pollbooks	\$ 0	\$ 7,500,000	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total			\$ 33,569,992	\$ 64,104,612	\$ 28,412,537	-55.68%	\$ 30,095,278	5.92%
R002	050606	Corporate/Business Filing Refunds	\$ 32,044	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	0.00%	\$ 85,000	0.00%
Holding Account Fund Group Total			\$ 32,044	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000	0.00%	\$ 85,000	0.00%
3AS0	050616	Help America Vote Act (HAVA)	\$ 3,910,020	\$ 12,762,601	\$ 1,500,000	-88.25%	\$ 1,500,000	0.00%
Federal Fund Group Total			\$ 3,910,020	\$ 12,762,601	\$ 1,500,000	-88.25%	\$ 1,500,000	0.00%
Secretary of State Total			\$ 47,810,880	\$ 91,060,605	\$ 43,087,537	-52.68%	\$ 45,270,278	5.07%