

Reappropriate Balance of Elections Two-Year Appropriation

FY2024 Request: \$0
Reference No: AMD 64866

AP/AL: Appropriation

Project Type: Information Technology / Systems / Communication

Category: General Government

Location: Statewide

House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40)

Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1 - 40)

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Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2022 - 06/30/2027

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Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

Reappropriate the balance of the Division of Elections two-year appropriation for costs associated with voter outreach, language assistance, election security, and election worker wages to a capital project for elections security.

Funding:	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Total
1255 Reapprops	\$500,000						\$500,000
Total:	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> Ongoing
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Project Description/Justification:

The Division of Elections will have a balance available in a terminating two-year appropriation at fiscal year-end which the Office of the Governor, Division of Elections, requests be reappropriated to a capital project that can be used for elections security. The estimated year-end balance is \$500,000. Funds are needed for physical security improvements to elections facilities and for voter registration and elections management system (VREMS) security and continuity of operations pending systems replacement.

The current VREMS system is nearing end of life and needs to be replaced. A separate capital appropriation has been requested for system replacement; however, the earliest expected go-live date for a new system will be in two years, after the 2024 primary and general elections. In the meantime, a portion of the funds reappropriated in this request will be used for hardening and maintenance of the existing system in advance of the 2024 election. The remaining funds will be used to address facilities security.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR. The unexpended and unobligated balance, estimated to be \$500,000, of the appropriation made in sec. 26(a), ch. 11, SLA 2022 (Office of the Governor, division of

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elections, costs associated with the voter outreach, language assistance, election security, and election worker wages - \$4,300,000), is reappropriated to the Office of the Governor, division of elections, for elections security.