

# SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## **SB 5537**

### **Secretary of State**

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To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	General Government Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Manning

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SB 5537 is the budget bill for the Secretary of State.

The Secretary is the state's chief elections officer, auditor of public accounts, and manager of the state's records. The agency also registers business entities, commissions Notary Publics, and publishes administrative rules.

The budget for the Secretary of State totals \$134.6 million, including \$26.9 million General Fund, \$102.5 million Other Funds, \$5.2 million Federal Funds and includes 255 positions. This represents a 5.2% increase over the current service level.

Adjustments include continuing funding to implement election financing changes passed during the 2024 session, improving cybersecurity, added support for production of the voters' pamphlet and continuing the work of the Translation Advisory Council.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 5537 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.