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STATE OF COLORADO

REENGROSSED

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LLS NO. 26-0646.01 Craig Harper x3481

HOUSE BILL 26-1169

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Sirota, Brown, Taggart, Duran, Joseph, McCluskie

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Bridges, Amabile, Kirkmeyer

House Committees
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
102 OF STATE.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Supplemental appropriations are made to the department of state.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
February 12, 2026

HOUSE
2nd Reading Unamended
February 11, 2026

1 **SECTION 1. Appropriation to the department of state for the**
2 **fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025** In Session Laws of Colorado 2025
3 section 2 of chapter 476 (SB 25-206), **amend** Part XXI as follows:
4 Section 2. **Appropriation.**

| | | APPROPRIATION FROM | | | | | |
|----|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | ITEM & SUBTOTAL | TOTAL | GENERAL FUND | GENERAL FUND EXEMPT | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 1 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | |
| 4 | (1) ADMINISTRATION DIVISION | | | | | | |
| 5 | Personal Services | 3,064,415 | | | | | |
| 6 | | 3,144,336 | | | | | |
| 7 | | (26.3 FTE) | | | | | |
| 8 | | (26.7 FTE) | | | | | |
| 9 | Health, Life, and Dental | 2,155,332 | | | | | |
| 10 | | 2,226,904 | | | | | |
| 11 | Short-term Disability | 10,768 | | | | | |
| 12 | Paid Family and Medical | | | | | | |
| 13 | Leave Insurance | 69,222 | | | | | |

| | | | APPROPRIATION FROM | | | | |
|----|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | ITEM & SUBTOTAL | TOTAL | GENERAL FUND | GENERAL FUND EXEMPT | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 1 | Unfunded Liability | | | | | | |
| 2 | Amortization Equalization | | | | | | |
| 3 | Disbursement Payments | 1,538,256 | | | | | |
| 4 | Salary Survey | 422,995 | | | | | |
| 5 | Step Pay | 48,752 | | | | | |
| 6 | PERA Direct Distribution | 279,279 | | | | | |
| 7 | Workers' Compensation | 89,295 | | | | | |
| 8 | Operating Expenses | 537,100 | | | | | |
| 9 | | 542,302 | | | | | |
| 10 | Legal Services | 1,518,847 | | | | | |
| 11 | Outside Legal Services | 25,000 | | | | | |
| 12 | Administrative Law Judge | | | | | | |
| 13 | Services | 10,576 | | | | | |

| | | | APPROPRIATION FROM | | | | |
|----|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | ITEM & SUBTOTAL | TOTAL | GENERAL FUND | GENERAL FUND EXEMPT | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 1 | Payment to Risk | | | | | | |
| 2 | Management and Property | | | | | | |
| 3 | Funds | 156,118 | | | | | |
| 4 | Vehicle Lease Payments | 11,538 | | | | | |
| 5 | | 10,575 | | | | | |
| 6 | Leased Space | 1,499,579 | | | | | |
| 7 | Payments to OIT | 328,536 | | | | | |
| 8 | | 173,710 | | | | | |
| 9 | CORE Operations | 3,877 | | | | | |
| 10 | Electronic Recording | | | | | | |
| 11 | Technology Board | 3,540,546 | | | | | |
| 12 | Indirect Cost Assessment | 238,824 | | | | | |
| 13 | Discretionary Fund | 5,000 | | | | | |
| 14 | | 15,553,855 | | | 15,553,855 ^a | | |
| 15 | | 15,554,761 | | | 15,554,761 ^a | | |

| | | APPROPRIATION FROM | | | | | |
|----|---|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | ITEM & SUBTOTAL | TOTAL | GENERAL FUND | GENERAL FUND EXEMPT | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | ^a Of this amount, \$12,013,309 \$12,014,215 shall be from the Department of State Cash Fund created in Section 24-21-104 (3)(b), C.R.S. and \$3,540,546(I) shall be from the Electronic | | | | | | |
| 3 | Recording Technology Fund created in Section 24-21-404 (1)(a), C.R.S. Appropriations from the Electronic Recording Technology Fund are shown for informational purposes only | | | | | | |
| 4 | as the fund is continuously appropriated to the Department pursuant to Section 24-21-404 (1)(a), C.R.S. | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | (2) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION | | | | | | |
| 7 | Personal Services | 7,372,054 | | | | | |
| 8 | (48.5 FTE) | | | | | | |
| 9 | Operating Expenses | 4,396,219 | | | | | |
| 10 | | 4,398,314 | | | | | |
| 11 | | 11,768,273 | 4,254 | | 11,764,019* | | |
| 12 | | 11,770,368 | | | 11,766,114 ^a | | |
| 13 | | | | | | | |
| 14 | ^a This amount shall be from the Department of State Cash Fund created in Section 24-21-104 (3)(b), C.R.S. | | | | | | |
| 15 | | | | | | | |

| | | | APPROPRIATION FROM | | | | |
|----|--|------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | ITEM & SUBTOTAL | TOTAL | GENERAL FUND | GENERAL FUND EXEMPT | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 1 | (3) ELECTIONS DIVISION | | | | | | |
| 2 | Personal Services | 4,302,622 | | | 4,302,622 ^a | | |
| 3 | | | | | (47.1 FTE) | | |
| 4 | Operating Expenses | 514,189 | | | 514,189 ^a | | |
| 5 | Help America Vote Act | | | | | | |
| 6 | Program | 210,000 | | | 210,000 ^b | | |
| 7 | Local Election | | | | | | |
| 8 | Reimbursement ¹⁰² | 10,746,664 | | | 10,746,664 ^a | | |
| 9 | Initiative and Referendum | 165,000 | | | 165,000 ^a | | |
| 10 | Document Management | 802,526 | | | 802,526 ^a | | |
| 11 | | 16,741,001 | | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | | | |
| 13 | ^a These amounts shall be from the Department of State Cash Fund created in Section 24-21-104 (3)(b), C.R.S. | | | | | | |

| | | APPROPRIATION FROM | | | | | |
|----|--|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | ITEM & SUBTOTAL | TOTAL | GENERAL FUND | GENERAL FUND EXEMPT | CASH FUNDS | REAPPROPRIATED FUNDS | FEDERAL FUNDS |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 1 | ^b Of this amount, \$200,000 shall be from the Department of State Cash Fund created in Section 24-21-104 (3)(b), C.R.S., and shall be transferred into the Federal Elections Assistance | | | | | | |
| 2 | Fund created in Section 1-1.5-106 (1)(a), C.R.S., which is continuously appropriated to the Department of State for the implementation of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, | | | | | | |
| 3 | pursuant to Section 1-1.5-106 (2)(b), C.R.S., and \$10,000(I) shall be from the Federal Elections Assistance Fund created in Section 1-1.5-106 (1)(a), C.R.S. which is continuously | | | | | | |
| 4 | appropriated to the Department of State for the implementation of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 pursuant to Section 1-1.5-106 (2)(b), C.R.S., and is shown for informational | | | | | | |
| 5 | purposes only. Appropriations from the Federal Elections Assistance Fund do not constitute fiscal year spending for the purposes of Section 20 of Article X of the State Constitution. | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | |
| 7 | (4) BUSINESS AND LICENSING DIVISION | | | | | | |
| 8 | Personal Services | 3,691,190 | | | | | |
| 9 | (51.5 FTE) | | | | | | |
| 10 | Operating Expenses | 180,065 | | | | | |
| 11 | Business Intelligence Center | | | | | | |
| 12 | Personal Services | 318,095 | | | | | |
| 13 | | | 4,189,350 | | | 4,189,350 ^a | |
| 14 | | | | | | | |
| 15 | ^a This amount shall be from the Department of State Cash Fund created in Section 24-21-104 (3)(b), C.R.S. | | | | | | |

| | | APPROPRIATION FROM | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
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| \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| | | | | | | |
| | \$48,252,479 | \$4,254 | | \$48,248,225* | | |
| | \$48,255,480 | | | \$48,251,226 ^a | | |

^a Of this amount, \$3,550,546 contains an (I) notation.

FOOTNOTES -- The following statements are referenced to the numbered footnotes throughout section 2.

102 Department of State, Elections Division, Local Election Reimbursement -- If actual reimbursements to counties required by section 1-5-505.5, C.R.S., exceed the cash funds amount specified in this line item, the Department may spend up to 115.0 percent of the cash funds amount specified to make the required reimbursements.

1 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
2 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
3 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
4 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
5 institutions.