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CHIEF ELECTION OFFICER, OFFICE OF ELECTIONS  
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1356

RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS OPERATING BUDGET

February 21, 2019

Chair Luke and members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1356. The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds to the Office of Elections operating budget for the 2020 election voting contract, 2021 reapportionment, and four temporary positions.

The Office of Elections is requesting an adjustment to our base operating budget to account for costs of conducting the elections. Since our elections are scheduled in even-numbered years, our operating budget varies between fiscal years of the biennium. The total adjustment for fiscal year 2019-20 is \$789,598 which will be used for election year costs such as the voting system contract.

**AGS 879 2019-2020 Operating Budget**

	<b>Base</b>	<b>Adjusted</b>
Personal Services	1,060,781	1,060,781
Other Current Expenses	2,093,138	2,882,736
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,153,919</b>	<b>3,943,517</b>
Federal	99,694	99,694
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>3,253,613</u></b>	<b><u>4,043,211</u></b>

**AGS 879 Biennium Operating Budget**

	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>
Personal Services	1,060,781	2,218,538
Other Current Expenses	2,882,736	937,209
Reapportionment Commission	0	927,200
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,943,517</b>	<b>4,082,947</b>
Federal	99,694	99,694
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>4,043,211</u></b>	<b><u>4,182,641</u></b>

In addition, we are submitting a supplemental budget request of \$927,200 in fiscal year 2020-21 to support a project office for the Reapportionment Commission. The Reapportionment Commission will convene beginning in January 2021 following the 2020 Census to apportion U.S. congressional, state senate, and state representative districts. The chief election officer serves as the secretary to the commission and provides technical services. The following is a breakdown of projected costs:

GIS Consultant	800,000
Personnel	120,000
Operating	7,200
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$927,200</u></b>

We are requesting \$800,000 to secure a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) consultant contract to provide census data, draw district lines, and create maps to conduct the reapportionment. These funds will pay for the contract cost over the two fiscal years in which the reapportionment will be conducted. Additionally, we are requesting \$120,000 for four full-time personnel. This includes a project manager, administrative assistant, GIS analyst, and a secretary. The remaining \$7,200 is budgeted for operating costs such as office supplies and equipment. We will be requesting \$347,200 for fiscal year 2021-22 for personnel, public hearings, and publishing of the plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill No. 1356.