

Secretary of State, Article I General Government
Proposed Funding and Rider
Voting System Fund Contingency

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Overview

Prepare a rider for the Secretary of State which appropriates \$158.0 million from the Economic Stabilization Fund No. 0599 to the new Voting System Fund created by House Bill 362, 86th Legislature, Regular Session to be used by the Secretary of State to carry out the provisions of that legislation, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

On page I-95 of the Secretary of State bill pattern, add the following rider:

_____. **Contingency for HB 362: Voter System Fund Appropriation.** Contingent on enactment of HB 362 or similar legislation relating to the creation of a Voting System Fund, by the Eighty-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, in addition to amounts appropriated above in Secretary of State Strategy B.1.1, Elections Administration, \$158,000,000 is appropriated from the Economic Stabilization Fund No. 0599 to be deposited to the Voting System Fund and used in fiscal year 2020 to issue grants to political subdivisions for the replacement of voting system equipment.

Any unexpended balances of these funds remaining as of August 31, 2020 are appropriated to the Secretary of State for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2020 for the same purposes.