

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FY 2010-11 JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE HEARING AGENDA**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2009
9:00 am – 10:30 am**

9:00 - 9:05 INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING COMMENTS

9:05 - 9:20 ELECTIONS

1. What percentage of the Department's appropriation is related to elections?
2. What percentage of the Department's election-related activities is supported by business filing fees?
3. As a result of H.B. 09-1335, will the State require all paper ballots or is the goal that they just become the primary method for voting? How much will this transition cost the counties?
4. Does the Department anticipate any litigation as a result of the transfer to paper ballots, and if so, what is the anticipated cost at the State and county levels?

9:20 – 9:35 HAVA

5. Please briefly describe the process for replacing the punch card and lever voting machines in the counties. Did any counties experience difficulties?
6. Please describe the fiscal impact of HAVA requirements at the county level. Once HAVA funds are exhausted, will the fiscal impact on counties increase?
7. Does the Department plan to change the elections funding formula so that counties will receive additional moneys? When was the most recent change to the funding formula?

9:35 – 9:45 SCORE

8. Do counties have input in how the SCORE system is managed? Is there a steering or advisory committee so that counties may have input?
9. Do counties receive technical assistance for implementing the SCORE system?

9:45 – 10:00 E-FORT

10. What is the Department's position about managing E-fort (the statewide data recovery center)? Does it want to continue managing the facility? Are there plans to include it in the OIT consolidation?
11. Do other departments use E-Fort, and if so, is this use funded by Department of State Cash Fund?

10:00 – 10:20 BUSINESS FEES

12. Will transferring HAVA expenditures from the Federal Elections Assistance Fund to the Department of State Cash Fund cause business fees to increase? If not, why not?
13. Does the Department anticipate an increase or decrease in certain types of business filings in the upcoming years? Does it anticipate any other changes to the Cash Fund's revenue stream?
14. If the Department reduced its expenditures, could it then reduce the business filing fees?
15. How can the Department reduce the business filing fees? What can be done to reduce the fiscal impact on businesses?

10:20 – 10:30 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

16. Please provide responses to the requests for information that accompanied the FY 2009-10 Long Bill. The requests are listed below.
 - a) **Department of State, Administration, Personal Services** -- The Department of State is requested to provide to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 2009, as part of the Department's annual budget request, a breakdown of how FTE and funds are distributed throughout the Administration Division.
 - b) **Department of State, Administration, Address Confidentiality Program** -- The Department of State is requested to provide to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 2009, an annual budget report for the Address Confidentiality Program. The report should reflect monthly expenditures, the number of participants served, and the number of pieces of participants' mail processed monthly.
 - c) **Department of State, Information Technology Services, Information Technology, Personal Services** -- The Department of State is requested to provide to the Joint Budget Committee by November 1, 2009, information concerning expenditures related to the Department's new accounting system. The report should include the status of the new accounting system and its costs. The requested information should be submitted as part of the Department of State's annual budget request.