

# Legislative Analysis



## **SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION: SECRETARY OF STATE BRANCH OPERATIONS**

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**House Bill 4492 (H-5)**  
**Sponsor: Rep. George Cushingberry**  
**Committee: Appropriations**

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### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4492 (SUBSTITUTE H-5)**

The substitute bill would reduce the FY 2007 appropriations for the Department of State, Branch Operations by the year-to-date appropriation of \$71,071,700, and appropriate the same amount for branch operations broken out into separate line items for Bureau of Branch Office Services administration, the consolidated call center, department information centers, state vehicle fleet license plates, the mobile branch office, branch office renovations, and each branch office (listed individually). Currently, funding for branches offices is rolled-up into a single line item. The appropriations breakdown would be as follows:

Branch office services administration	\$9,578,400
DMB fleet vehicle license plates	\$11,600
Department of State information centers	\$1,401,800
Consolidated call center	\$273,000
Branch office renovations	\$271,200
Mobile branch office	\$9,100
Individual branch offices	\$59,526,600
	<b>\$71,071,700</b>

The bill provides that any unexpended funds for each branch office would lapse to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year, and also provides that staffing levels within the bureau would remain at the discretion of the Secretary of State.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The bill would have no overall fiscal impact. The bill reorganizes funding for Secretary of State branch offices from a single line item to numerous line items. The bill could potentially restrict the ability of the Secretary of State to reorganize branch office operations.

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