

**EXECUTIVE AGENCY**  
**FISCAL NOTE**

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: April 9, 2023

Agency Submitting: Office of the Secretary of State

<b>Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2022-23</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2023-24</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2024-25</b>	<b>Effect on Future Biennia</b>
Cat 01 - Personnel (Expense)		\$54,802	\$75,761	\$151,522
Cat 03 - In-State Travel (Expense)		\$716	\$955	\$1,910
Cat 04 - Operating (Expense)		\$3,414	\$4,218	\$8,436
Cat 05 - Equipment/Furniture (Expense)		\$2,454		
Cat 26 - Information Services (Expense)		\$4,702	\$771	\$1,542
Contractor - Project Manager (Expense)		\$220,493		
Contractor - Application Developer (Expense)		\$189,423		
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$476,004</b>	<b>\$81,705</b>	<b>\$163,410</b>

Explanation

(Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The office of the Secretary of State has reviewed BDR 10-288 (SB 395), which proposes requiring the Securities Division of the Office of the Secretary of State to create and maintain a registry of corporations and limited-liability companies that purchase and own residential real property in the State, to require that such registry be made available on the website for the Office of the Secretary of State, and to require that a corporation or limited-liability company must register with the Securities Division of the Office of the Secretary of State before purchasing any residential real property in this State. If passed, the implementation of this bill would require a team of IT personnel to identify the requirements, develop the solution, and validate the programming for such a registry of corporations. The implementation of this bill would also require a full-time permanent Program Officer I position that will work implement and manage the day-to-day registration process. The cost for the Program Officer I would be \$65,815 in FY 24 and \$81,706 in FY25. The team of IT personnel would include a Project Manager (12 months) would be approximately \$220,493 and an Application Developer (12 months) would be approximately \$189,423. The Program Officer I would be one FTE personnel within the Securities Division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

The provisions of BDR 10-288 (SB 395) allow for the Office of the Secretary of State to charge a fee to each corporation or limited-liability company that registers with the Securities Division, which fee will eventually offset the expenses related to the continued maintenance of this program.

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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS**

The agency's response appears reasonable.

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