

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0047

Secretary of state-expedited filings.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Blockchain, Financial
Technology and Digital Innovation Technology

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government;
2 allowing the secretary of state to charge a fee to expedite
3 filings of documents as specified; authorizing a position;
4 providing an appropriation; specifying a contingency; and
5 providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-1-305(a) by creating a new
10 paragraph (viii) is amended to read:

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12 **9-1-305. Fees; amounts; collection; exceptions.**

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14 (a) The secretary of state shall collect the
15 following fees in advance for:

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(viii) Expediting the filing of any document filed pursuant to title 17, title 34 or title 40, chapters 1 and 2 of the Wyoming statutes, a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the secretary of state may charge a fee as specified in this paragraph to expedite the filing of a document filed with the secretary of state's office pursuant to title 17, title 34 or title 40, chapters 1 and 2 of the Wyoming statutes upon the request of the filer. The fee and process for requesting an expedited filing shall be established by rule of the secretary of state taking into account the cost of the filing fee, the costs of expediting the filing and deadlines for response required by law. The expedition of a filing shall not grant any benefit over a nonexpedited filing for purposes of the timing of filing.

(a) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the secretary of state is authorized up to one (1) full-time position for the period beginning with the effective date

1 of this act and ending June 30, 2026 for purposes of
2 implementing this act. It is the intent of the legislature
3 that the secretary of state include this full-time position
4 in its standard budget request for the immediately
5 succeeding fiscal biennium.

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7 (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, there
8 is appropriated ninety-three thousand one hundred seventy-
9 nine dollars (\$93,179.00) from the general fund to the
10 secretary of state for the period beginning with the
11 effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2026 to be
12 expended only for the purposes of funding the position
13 authorized in subsection (a) of this section. This
14 appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any
15 other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds
16 remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided
17 by law on June 30, 2026. It is the intent of the
18 legislature that this appropriation be doubled and included
19 in the standard budget request of the secretary of state
20 for the immediately succeeding fiscal biennium.

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22 (c) The authorization and appropriation under
23 subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not be

1 effective if 2025 House Bill 0001 or Senate File 0001, as
2 enacted into law, authorizes at least one (1) additional
3 full-time position for the secretary of state compared to
4 the number of positions authorized in 2024 Wyoming Session
5 Laws, Chapter 118, Section 002.

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7 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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