



OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING

A Fact Sheet

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The Department of State is responsible for the oversight of numerous Colorado business and commercial statutes concerning for profit and nonprofit corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, trade names. The Department is also responsible for the statutes pertaining to elections including: Colorado Election Code, Voter Registration Law, Campaign Finance Laws, Lobbyist Regulation, Colorado Charitable Solicitations Act, Bingo and Raffles Laws, and Notaries Public Laws.

The Department of State is not required or expected to submit its official budget request through the Office of State Planning and Budgeting or the Governor. However, in balancing the State budget, the Governor's budget request includes assumptions about the funding that may be necessary for this Department. Therefore, the numbers below that compare FY 08-09 to the FY 07-08 appropriation are based on the assumptions from the Governor's November 1, 2007 Budget Request and do not reflect the official request of the Department.

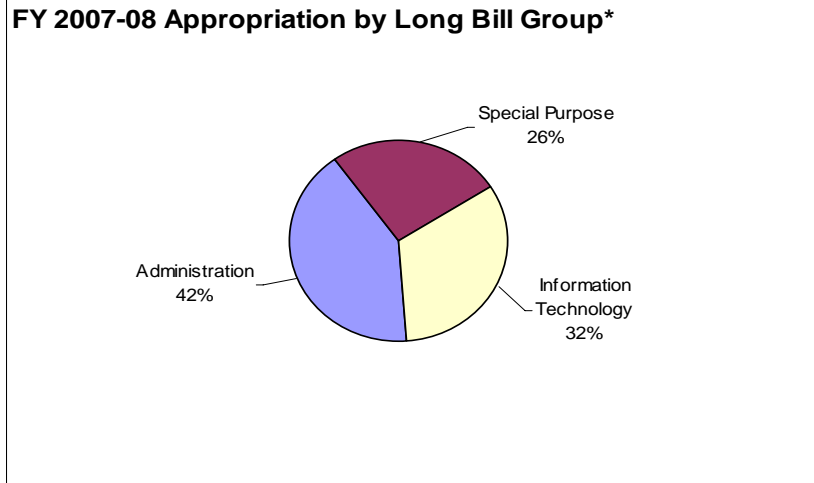
To view the Department of State FY 2008-09 budget request as submitted by the Department to the Legislature on November 1, 2008, please see http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/govnr_dir/ospb/index.html.

FY 2007-08 Appropriation

Total Appropriation:	\$21,651,858
Percent of Statewide Total Appropriation:	0.1%
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* Department of State budget figures were not available by Division at the time of delivery for the Executive Budget. As such, the above graph reflects percent allocations based on the FY 2007-08 Long Bill S.B. 07-239.

Department in Summary FY 2008-09

The Department is responsible for the administration of election laws and results, campaign finance laws, activities related to lobbying, and the regulation of business filings and is divided into five divisions: Administrative, Information Technology, Business, Elections, and Licensing Divisions.

- Administrative Division – Provides central support including accounting, budgeting, and human resources for the Department. The Division also monitors the use of the State Seal, certifies interest rates on appealed money judgments, and files Acts passed by the Legislature.
- Information Technology Division – Provides support for the Department’s information technology.
- Business Division – Manages the filing of documents related to business organizations and names, trade names, trademarks, financing statements, federal tax liens, and educational related services.
- Elections Division – Monitors elections, voter registration, verifies initiative petitions, administers campaign finance laws, and registers lobbyists.
- Licensing Division – Issues bingo and raffle licenses, inspects related facilities and operations for compliance with bingo/raffle laws, administers the Notary law, collects and provides information on charitable organizations, manages the Colorado Administrative Rules Code, and provides technical assistance concerning the rulemaking under the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act Program.

Department Budget Highlights in Summary FY 2008-09

The Governor's FY 2008-09 budget request for the Department of State does not include changes in funding, fund sources or number of FTE.

The Governor's request assumed a level of funding that is consistent with FY 2007-08 funding of \$21,651,858 total funds and 126.0 FTE, as shown in the tables on the first page of this fact sheet.

Key Issues and Legislation:

- S.B. 07-83 made technical changes to Colorado election law including changing infractions that were handled by District Attorneys to be handled as administrative issues by the Department.
- S.B. 07-259 requires the Department to improve its website for improved search and download capabilities related to campaign finance information.
- H.B. 07-1350 requires the Department to create an address confidentiality program for persons who are victims of domestic violence, sexual offence, or stalking.

Links to Additional Websites

Colorado Secretary of State <http://www.sos.state.co.us/>

Help America Vote Act <http://www.fec.gov/hava/hava.htm>

For more information about this Department and its programs, please call 303-866-2993.