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S.F. No. 4260 – Elections Budget Omnibus Bill – 1st engrossment

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Section 1 amends a 2021 session law by eliminating ongoing base funding for two grant programs administered by the Secretary of State: transfers to the Voting Equipment Grant Account (VEGA) and grants to local units of government for costs related to absentee ballot drop boxes. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Section 2 amends a 2023 session law by: 1) clarifying that transfers to the Voting Operations, Technology, and Election Resources (VOTER) account in fiscal years 2024 and 2025 are part of the Secretary of State's base appropriation; 2) re-allocating money appropriated for VEGA and local government drop box grants to the VOTER account; and 3) adding an additional \$450,000 in fiscal year 2025 to the VOTER account transfer. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Section 3 amends a 2023 session law by 1) making a corresponding change for the VOTER account clarification in section 2; and 2) transferring a balance in VEGA to the VOTER account. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Section 4 appropriates \$50,000 in fiscal year 2025 from the general fund to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board to develop online training capabilities for campaign treasurers. This is a onetime appropriation.