

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0016

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; and providing for an effective
5 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, an amount not more than 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 impact the cost of the filing fee may have on total filings, the costs of expediting the filing and deadlines for responding to filings as required by law. The expedition of a filing under this paragraph shall not alter the prioritization of rights determined by the timing of the filing.

Section 2. The secretary of state's office is authorized one (1) full-time position for the purpose of implementing and administering this act. There is appropriated one hundred eighty-six thousand four hundred

1 ninety-five dollars (\$186,495.00) from the general fund to
2 the secretary of state's office for the salary and benefits
3 of the position authorized by this section. This
4 appropriation shall be for the period beginning July 1,
5 2026 and ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not
6 be transferred or expended for any other purpose. It is the
7 intent of the legislature that this appropriation be
8 included in the standard budget for the secretary of
9 state's office for the immediately succeeding fiscal
10 biennium. This section shall only be effective if no full-
11 time positions for the secretary of state's office are
12 authorized for the purpose of implementing and
13 administering this act by House Bill 0001 or Senate File
14 0001 of the 2026 legislative budget session as enacted into
15 law.

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17 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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