

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, some state agencies, as well as the Office of the Governor, have specific statutory gift accepting authority. The operating statute for the Office of the Secretary of State does not provide language stipulating the authority of the secretary of state to accept certain gifts. This bill authorizes the secretary of state to accept certain gifts, grants, and donations on behalf of the state related to the office of the secretary of state.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1903 authorizes the secretary of state to accept certain gifts, grants, and donations on behalf of the state related to the office of the secretary of state.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 405A, Government Code, by adding Section 405.005, as follows:

Sec. 405.005. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS. Authorizes the secretary of state to accept or solicit gifts, grants, and donations of money or property on behalf of the state for any lawful public purpose related to the office or duties of the secretary of state. Authorizes the secretary of state to decline to accept a gift, grant, or donation that is made for a specific purpose if the secretary of state determines the gift may not be used reasonably or economically for the designated purpose.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.