

Subject Secretary of State deficiency request

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Overview

This bill provides a fiscal year 2019 appropriation to the secretary of state to cover the payment of attorney's fees owed by the state following the conclusion of litigation that ended at the United States Supreme Court.

The case, *Minnesota Voters Alliance v. Mansky*, was a first amendment challenge to Minnesota's law that prohibits certain types of political apparel in a polling place on election day. In a decision issued in June of 2018, the Supreme Court declared the law unconstitutional. The state was later ordered to pay the attorney's fees incurred by the plaintiffs that challenged the law. The bill appropriates funds to cover the full amount of the ordered fees.