

Agency Name:	Leg Dept - Codification Of Laws & Legislative Council		
Agency Code:	A150	Section:	91C



Fiscal Year FY 2026-2027

Agency Budget Plan

FORM A - BUDGET PLAN SUMMARY

OPERATING REQUESTS (FORM B1)	For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	☐	Requesting General Fund Appropriations.
	☐	Requesting Federal/Other Authorization.
	☒	Not requesting any changes.

NON-RECURRING REQUESTS (FORM B2)	For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	☐	Requesting Non-Recurring Appropriations.
	☐	Requesting Non-Recurring Federal/Other Authorization.
	☒	Not requesting any changes.

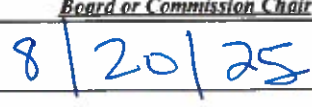
CAPITAL REQUESTS (FORM C)	For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	☐	Requesting funding for Capital Projects.
	☒	Not requesting any changes.

PROVISOS (FORM D)	For FY 2026-2027, my agency is (mark "X"):	
	☐	Requesting a new proviso and/or substantive changes to existing provisos.
	☐	Only requesting technical proviso changes (such as date references).
	☒	Not requesting any proviso changes.

Please identify your agency's preferred contacts for this year's budget process.

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
PRIMARY CONTACT:	Ashley Harwell-Beach	(803) 212-4500	ashleyharwellbeach@scstatehouse.gov
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SECONDARY CONTACT:			

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed FY 2026-2027 Agency Budget Plan, which is complete and accurate to the extent of my knowledge.

SIGN/DATE: TYPE/PRINT NAME:	<u>Agency Director</u> 	<u>Board or Commission Chair</u> 
	Ashley Harwell-Beach	

This form must be signed by the agency head – not a delegate.

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FORM E – AGENCY COST SAVINGS AND GENERAL FUND REDUCTION

CONTINGENCY PLAN

TITLE	Agency Cost Savings and General Fund Reduction Contingency Plan
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AMOUNT	\$210,611 What is the General Fund 3% reduction amount? This amount should correspond to the reduction spreadsheet prepared by EBO.
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ASSOCIATED FTE REDUCTIONS	Four (4) or five (5) How many FTEs would be reduced in association with this General Fund reduction?
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PROGRAM / ACTIVITY IMPACT	Research and drafting services to the South Carolina General Assembly, production and maintenance of the Code of Laws and the Code of Regulations would be affected. What programs or activities are supported by the General Funds identified?
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SUMMARY	The Legislative Council would have difficulty continuing to meet its core mission of providing efficient and quality reserach and drafting services to the General Assembly and updating and producing the Code of Laws and Code of Regulations in a timely manner. Efficiency and timeliness of these services would be impaired overall.
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Please provide a detailed summary of service delivery impact caused by a reduction in General Fund Appropriations and provide the method of calculation for anticipated reductions. Agencies should prioritize reduction in expenditures that have the least significant impact on service delivery.

AGENCY COST SAVINGS PLANS	The Legislative Council provides professional drafting and research services to the General Assembly in addition to producing and maintaining the Code of Laws and the Code of Regulations. In order to reduce costs by more than \$50,000, professional staff would likely have to be let go, as there are no programs that could be eliminated or reduced, as the agency is all professional services. However, the Legislative Council continues to find ways to reduce costs and works with the Clerks of the Senate and the House of Representatives to streamline processes, reduce duplication, and increase efficiency without sacrificing services to the General Assembly. Newly designed drafting software is assisting in modernizing our processes utilizing a more efficient method of drafting. This is allowing the Legislative Council to shift savings to other operating costs which have suffered increases due to inflation.
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What measures does the agency plan to implement to reduce its costs and operating expenses by more than \$50,000? Provide a summary of the measures taken and the estimated amount of savings. How does the agency plan to repurpose the savings?

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FORM F – REDUCING COST AND BURDEN TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS

TITLE	Reducing Cost and Burden to Businesses and Citizwns
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Provide a brief, descriptive title for this request.

EXPECTED SAVINGS TO BUSINESSES AND CITIZENS	Not applicable. This agency provides research and drafting services to the South Carolina General Assembly and produces the Code of Laws and Code of Regulations. Although, the Legislatice Council strives to keep the costs of purchasing the Code of Laws and the Code of Regulations as reasonable as possible each year. Additionally, the personnel of the Legislative Council are always happy to help the legal community and citizens who reach us with inquiries regarding legislation or similar matters. When the Legislative Council is able to provide helpful information within the limits of our authority in the Legislative Department or direct inquiries to another appropriate agency, the agency does so.
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What is the expected savings to South Carolina's businesses and citizens that is generated by this proposal? The savings could be related to time or money.

FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REQUEST	Mark "X" for all that apply:
	☐ Repeal or revision of regulations.
	☐ Reduction of agency fees or fines to businesses or citizens.
	☐ Greater efficiency in agency services or reduction in compliance burden.
	☐ Other

METHOD OF CALCULATION	Not applicable
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Describe the method of calculation for determining the expected cost or time savings to businesses or citizens.

REDUCTION OF FEES OR FINES	Not applicable
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Which fees or fines does the agency intend to reduce? What was the fine or fee revenue for the previous fiscal year? What was the associated program expenditure for the previous fiscal year? What is the enabling authority for the issuance of the fee or fine?

REDUCTION OF REGULATION	Not applicable
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Which regulations does the agency intend to amend or delete? What is the enabling authority for the regulation?

SUMMARY	Not applicable
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Provide an explanation of the proposal and its positive results on businesses or citizens. How will the request affect agency operations?