

Legislative Department

The Governor's proposed budget for the Legislative Department contains the estimated adjusted appropriation for current operations, pending action by the Joint Committee on Rules on legislative base budgets and addenda requests.

Judicial Department

The Governor's proposed budget for the Judicial Department contains a net increase of \$8.0 million GF over the adjusted appropriation for current operations.

- **Supreme Court of Virginia**
 - ***Nongeneral Fund Positions.*** Includes a technical reduction of five (5.00 FTE) positions to reflect the actual employment level.
 - ***Criminal Fund.*** Provides an additional \$4.1 million GF each year for increased costs of the criminal fund. Total expenses for the fund are expected to increase from \$53.8 million in FY 2000 to \$59.6 million in FY 2001. No additional funds are provided in FY 2002 for any further increase in the second year above the first.
- **State Board of Bar Examiners**
 - ***Additional Staff Position.*** Includes one additional position for increased workload to certify out-of-state attorneys to the Virginia State Bar. Senate Bill 488 of 1998 authorized the Supreme Court to transfer the responsibility for issuing certificates to out-of-state attorneys to practice law in Virginia, without taking an examination. The 1999 Appropriation Act provided a sum sufficient appropriation from applicant fees deposited to the general fund (not to exceed \$50,000) for this purpose.

Statewide Executive Offices

The Governor's proposed budget for Statewide Executive Offices contains a net increase of \$1.5 million GF over the adjusted appropriation for current operations.

- **Attorney General of Virginia**
 - ***Civil Commitment of Sexual Predators.*** Proposes \$317,388 the first year, \$401,152 the second year, and five positions each year to address the legal workload associated with civil commitment of sexual predators.
 - ***Computer Crime Unit.*** Includes an additional \$73,644 the first year, \$77,936 the second year, and one position each year for the computer crime unit established by the 1999 General Assembly. These funds are intended to annualize the cost of the three positions created last year and to add one new investigator.
- **Secretary of the Commonwealth**
 - ***Certified Mail Requirements.*** Provides \$247,000 each year for the increased cost of postage for service of process, due to a change in the Code of Virginia which requires that these mailings include a certified return receipt.
 - ***Salary Increase.*** Includes an additional \$37,488 each year for the increased salary and benefits associated with the elevation of the Secretary of the Commonwealth to cabinet-level status by Executive Order 31 (1994), and by action of the 1998 General Assembly.
- **Interstate Organization Contributions**
 - ***Increased Dues Cost.*** Provides a net increase of \$13,499 the first year and \$19,579 the second year to account for changes in the dues for several interstate organizations.