

Executive

The amendments, as adopted, to the 2002-04 budget for Executive offices contain a net decrease of \$6.4 million GF for the biennium, compared to Chapter 899. This total reflects reductions of \$8.5 million, offset by increases of \$2.1 million.

- **Office of the Governor**
 - **October Reductions.** Reduces spending by \$339,202 GF and six FTE positions the first year and \$445,812 GF the second year. The savings are based on eliminating vacant positions, reorganizing mansion operations, and cutting telecommunications costs. In addition, the Governor will refund 20 percent of his salary to the Treasurer of Virginia each year.
 - **Reductions in Chapter 899.** Includes a technical amendment to distribute to the agency reductions of \$2,000 GF the second year that were included in Central Appropriations in Chapter 899.
- **Office of the Lieutenant Governor**
 - **Staff Reduction.** Reduces spending by \$50,000 GF the second year and 1.00 FTE position, along with language to provide for salaries and benefits for compensation of up to three (instead of four) staff positions.
 - **October Reductions.** Reduces spending by \$48,098 GF and one FTE position the first year and \$49,493 GF the second year. The savings are based on eliminating vacant positions. In addition, the Lieutenant Governor will give up the allowance paid to him for office expenses “not otherwise reimbursed.”
 - **Reductions in Chapter 899.** Includes a technical amendment to distribute to the agency reductions of \$27,127 GF the second year that were included in Central Appropriations in Chapter 899.
- **Office of the Attorney General**
 - **Medicaid Fraud Unit.** Includes \$300,000 GF and 14.0 FTE positions to expand the Medicaid fraud control unit. The general funds will be matched with federal Medicaid funds. Additional revenues of \$350,000 GF the second year are assumed based on these efforts.

- ***Division of Debt Collection.*** Provides \$235,811 NGF and 4.0 FTE positions the second year to expand debt collection efforts, and includes language authorizing the office to contract with private collection agents for the collection of debts amounting to less than \$1,000. Additional revenues of \$700,000 GF (one-fourth of the total collected) the second year are assumed based on this increase.
- ***October Reductions.*** The adopted amendments restore \$200,000 GF in FY 2003 and \$800,000 GF in FY 2004 that had been included in the October reduction plans. The remaining reductions lower spending by \$2.3 million GF and 51 FTE positions the first year and \$1.7 million GF and 31 positions the second year.
- ***Human Rights Council.*** Includes language directing the Office of the Attorney General to provide office space and associated support services to the Human Rights Council.
- ***Civil Commitment of Sexual Predators.*** Language is included to direct the Office of the Attorney General to initiate the program for the civil commitment of sexual predators (HB 2445 and SB 1149).
- ***Reductions in Chapter 899.*** Includes a technical amendment to distribute to the agency reductions of \$1.4 million GF and 12 FTE positions the second year that were included in Central Appropriations in Chapter 899.
- **Secretary of the Commonwealth**
 - ***Service of Process Fees.*** Includes language directing the Secretary of the Commonwealth to increase the fee for service of process from \$19 to \$28 (effective May 1, 2003). Collections are deposited to the general fund.
 - ***October Reductions.*** Reduces spending by \$126,925 GF the first year and \$139,155 GF the second year. The savings are based on terminating contract positions and achieving other operational efficiencies.
 - ***Reductions in Chapter 899.*** Includes a technical amendment to distribute to the agency reductions of \$98,346 GF and two FTE positions the second year that were included in Central Appropriations in Chapter 899.

- **Virginia Liaison Office**
 - **Agency Elimination.** Eliminates funding for the agency (\$233,698 GF and 117,083 NGF each year). Also eliminates 2.67 GF and 1.33 NGF positions.
NOTE: Governor Warner vetoed the 2003 Session changes to this item. The appropriation reverts to the amount in Chapter 899.