



SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.D. | CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE

1500 11th Street | Sacramento, CA 95814 | Tel 916.653.7244 | www.sos.ca.gov

June 14, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair
Joint Legislative Budget Committee
State Capitol, Room 553
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Phil Ting, Vice Chair
Joint Legislative Budget Committee
State Capitol, Room 553
Sacramento, CA 95814

Ms. Keely Bosler, Director
Department of Finance
915 L Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairpersons Skinner, and Ting and Ms. Bosler:

Attached is the May 2022 report on the time it is taking to process various business filings, in accordance with the Budget Act of 2021 (Chapter 2L Statutes of 2021). Previous reports are posted on the Secretary of State's office website at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/administration/agency-reports/business-filing-processing-time-agency-reports>. If you have any questions about this report please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-7244 or have your staff contact my Chief of the Business Programs Division, Betsy Bogart, at (916) 695-1197.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shirley N. Weber", with a large circular flourish at the end.

Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.
Secretary of State

Attachment

cc: Members, Joint Legislative Budget Committee
Hanz Hemann, Joint Legislative Budget Committee
CounselMs. Erika Contreras, Secretary of the Senate
Ms. Cara L. Jenkins, Legislative Counsel

June 14, 2022

Secretary of State's Report to Department of Finance and Joint Legislative Budget Committee

The Business Programs Division Filings Processing Budget Change Proposal was approved and incorporated into the Budget Act of 2021 (Chapter 21, Statutes of 2021). The Secretary of State is reporting on the 15th of each month to the Department of Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) on the processing time for business filings.

This is the report for May 2022 and covers the period of May 1, 2022 through May 31, 2022.

Document Processing	Business Entities	Statement of Information
Processing Times as of May 1, 2022	25 days	24 days
Processing Times as of May 31, 2022	33 days	26 days
Average Processing Times ¹	31 days	27 days

Document Processing	Business Entities	Statement of Information	Total
Documents in Processing as of May 1, 2022	28,646	15,351	43,997
Documents Received during This Reporting Period	60,980	8,479	69,459
Documents Processed during This Reporting Period ²	63,903	5,692	69,595
Documents Awaiting Processing as of May 31, 2022	25,723	18,138	43,861
Documents Received since May 1, 2013	4,611,969	3,466,059	8,078,028
Documents Processed since May 1, 2013 ²	4,611,127	3,519,772	8,130,899
Preclear/Expedites Processed during This Reporting Period	0	0	0
Preclear/Expedites Processed since May 1, 2013	286,155	18,794	304,949

Staffing	Permanent	Limited Term	Total
BPD FY 2021/22 Authorized Positions	243.6	37.0	280.6
Filled Positions as of May 31, 2022	221.6	21.0	242.6
Vacant Positions as of May 31, 2022	22.0	16.0	38.0
Estimated Average Vacancy Rate for this Reporting Period	9%	44%	14%

Staffing	Total
Number of Temporary Workers	57
Hours Worked by Temporary Workers during This Reporting Period	4,160
Temporary Hours Worked since May 1, 2013	943,574
Overtime Hours Worked during This Reporting Period	3,969
Overtime Hours Worked since May 1, 2013	257,841

¹ The processing times shown for the first and final day of the reporting period are snapshots in time. Processing times, in the form of business days, are tracked on a daily basis throughout the reporting period and from that information, the average processing time for the month is calculated. Throughout the month, the processing times fluctuate daily depending on the number of documents received each day (some days have higher volumes than others) and the number of documents processed. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the rise in COVID cases in California, we continue to have limited staff in the office at a given time. We continue to focus on online services, registrations, and statements of information to continue to support the California economy. In preparation of launching the final phase of California Business Connect on April 7, 2022, to add Business Entities to bizfileOnline.sos.ca.gov, we had to take the online business filing applications offline. This caused further delays in our processing times. We are working through issues that have arisen post launch and continue to work on processing times.

² Documents Processed includes Preclear/Expedites processed