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August 15, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair  
Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
1020 N Street, Room 553  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Mr. Joe Stephanshaw, Director  
Department of Finance  
915 L Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairpersons Skinner, and Ting and Mr. Stephanshaw:

Attached is the July 2022 report on the time it is taking to process various business filings, in accordance with the Budget Act of 2022 (Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022). 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".

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

Attachment

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

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## 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 2022 (Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022). 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 July 2022 and covers the period of July 1, 2022 through July 31, 2022.

Document Processing	Business Entities	Statement of Information
Processing Times as of July 1, 2022	41 days	26 days
Processing Times as of July 31, 2022	20 days	5 days
Average Processing Times <sup>1</sup>	45 days	14 days

Document Processing	Business Entities	Statement of Information	Total
Documents in Processing as of July 1, 2022	14,406	20,756	35,162
Documents Received during This Reporting Period	51,172	8,679	59,851
Documents Processed during This Reporting Period <sup>2</sup>	56,158	27,099	83,257
Documents Awaiting Processing as of July 31, 2022	9,420	2,336	11,756
Documents Received since May 1, 2013	4,727,235	3,483,293	8,210,528
Documents Processed since May 1, 2013 <sup>2</sup>	4,742,696	3,552,808	8,295,504
Preclear/Expedites Processed during This Reporting Period	2,385	0	2,385
Preclear/Expedites Processed since May 1, 2013	292,580	18,794	311,374

Staffing	Permanent	Limited Term	Total
BPD FY 2021/22 Authorized Positions	243.6	37.0	280.6
Filled Positions as of July 31, 2022	223.6	20.0	243.6
Vacant Positions as of July 31, 2022	20.0	17.0	37.0
Estimated Average Vacancy Rate for this Reporting Period	9%	45%	14%

Staffing	Total
Number of Temporary Workers	52
Hours Worked by Temporary Workers during This Reporting Period	5,074
Temporary Hours Worked since May 1, 2013	954,510
Overtime Hours Worked during This Reporting Period	3,277
Overtime Hours Worked since May 1, 2013	264,145

<sup>1</sup> 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. We launched the final phase of California Business Connect on April 7, 2022, adding Business Entities to bizfileOnline.sos.ca.gov. We are working through issues that have arisen post launch and continue to work on processing times.

<sup>2</sup> Documents Processed includes Preclear/Expedites processed