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SECRETARY SCHEDLER: IF BUDGET HOLDS LAYOFFS AND CLOSURES AHEAD

Secretary of State Tom Schedler informed employees this week that if proposed budget cuts become law, the Department of State could face employee layoffs and the 17 museums under his jurisdiction could also face closures. Secretary Schedler pledges to continue to do everything in his power to resolve the budget situation responsibly, and has already implemented cost-saving measures internally by streamlining operations and not filling vacant positions.

If the current budget is adopted, the Department projects the residual effects of the steep cuts would be felt around the middle of the upcoming 2011-2012 fiscal year or January of next year. Secretary Schedler understands the severity of the fiscal situation our state faces and will continue to fight to maintain the integrity of the office. In fact, House Bill 575 to reduce the number of special elections could save the state \$1.6 million over the next five years.

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