

**Forest Service
Budget No. 244
House Bill No. 1003**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2019-21 legislative appropriation	27.00	\$4,676,664	\$10,665,400	\$15,342,064
2017-19 legislative appropriation	<u>27.00</u>	<u>4,426,427</u>	<u>10,650,748</u>	<u>15,077,175</u>
2019-21 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2017-19 appropriation	0.00	\$250,237	\$14,652	\$264,889

Item Description

Office location - The Legislative Assembly, in Senate Bill No. 2064 (2019), amended Section 4.1-21-01 to remove the requirement that the office of the state forester be located in Bottineau.

Status/Result

After the former state forester retired in November 2018, the Forest Service's forestry and fire management team leader, who had been located in Bismarck since 2008, was named the state forester in October 2019 and at that time the state forester's office was relocated from Bottineau to Bismarck. The Forest Service reported the agency continues to rent space from DCB for staff located in Bottineau and there have been no changes in the space or rent for the Bismarck and Bottineau locations associated with the transition.