Steve Hobbs is Washington's 16th Secretary of State. He began his tenure in 2021 and was elected by the people of Washington in 2022.

Secretary Hobbs leads one of Washington's most diverse state-government offices, which is responsible for managing state and local elections, corporation and charity filings, the Washington State Library, and Washington State Archives. In addition, his office oversees the Combined Fund Drive for charitable giving by state employees and administers the state's Address Confidentiality Program to help protect survivors of crime.

When Secretary Hobbs assumed office, he prioritized greater election security, countering misleading and harmful election disinformation, and expanded voter education and outreach. In addition, he pledged to preserve Washington's unique and rich history by enhancing the State Archives' and State Library's capacity and ability to store and share state documents and other records.

Prior to becoming Secretary of State, Hobbs was the state senator for Washington's 44th legislative district from 2006 to 2021. During his tenure, he served on numerous committees, including the Transportation Committee as chair.

Secretary Hobbs enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1987 as a private and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel with the Washington Army National Guard. He received an associate degree from Everett Community College and bachelor's and master's degrees in political science and public administration, respectively, from the University of Washington. He earned a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College in 2025.