

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MISSION

The New York State Board of Elections executes and enforces all laws relating to the elective franchise and oversees the disclosure of campaign financing and practices.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The State Board of Elections, comprised of four commissioners, two chosen by each major political party, administers provisions of the Election Law regarding campaign financial disclosure, including civil judgments levied for failure to file disclosure documents; oversees the petitioning process and certification of ballots; investigates allegations of criminal violations of the Election Law and recommends prosecution where warranted; and certifies electronic voting machines purchased by local Boards of Elections and tests each machine upon delivery. The Board also assists County Boards of Elections by completing administrative reviews, assisting in resolving complaints, and producing reports and recommendations.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Board receives more than 99 percent of its funding from the General Fund and less than 1 percent from a fee imposed upon prospective vendors of electronic voting machines and ballot-counting devices.

The Executive Budget recommends \$3.6 million in General Fund support for the Board of Elections. This funding will permit the Board to continue to carry out its various responsibilities related to the electoral process, including the Board's voter outreach activities and its interaction with local Boards of Elections.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past 27 years, the scope of the Board's services has grown to include providing legal counsel to 62 County Boards of Election, administering registration efforts, providing technical assistance to administrators of elections, and investigating violations of the Election Law.

A priority for the Board is expanding the use of modern technology in both its own operations and those of local Boards. In July 1999, the agency implemented a system for the electronic filing of campaign financial disclosure statements, which are now readily accessible at the Board's internet web site. The web site has received approximately 1.1 million inquiries since January 2001.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2001-02	Appropriations Recommended 2002-03	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2002-03
State Operations	3,601,000	3,601,000	0	0
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	3,601,000	3,601,000	0	0

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**ALL FUND TYPES
PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS**

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2001-02	2002-03	FTE Change
	Estimated FTEs 03/31/02	Estimated FTEs 03/31/03	
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	46	46	0
Total	<u>46</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>0</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available 2001-02	Recommended 2002-03	Change
General Fund	3,581,000	3,581,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	20,000	20,000	0
Total	<u>3,601,000</u>	<u>3,601,000</u>	<u>0</u>

Adjustments:

Recommended Deficiency Elections, State Board of General Fund	<u>(300,000)</u>
Appropriated 2001-02	<u>3,301,000</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Program	Available 2001-02	Recommended 2002-03	Change
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	3,581,000	3,581,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	20,000	20,000	0
Total	<u>3,601,000</u>	<u>3,601,000</u>	<u>0</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2002-03 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	2,466,000	0	2,466,000	0
Total	<u>2,466,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,466,000</u>	<u>0</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2002-03 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	1,115,000	0	1,115,000	0
Total	<u>1,115,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,115,000</u>	<u>0</u>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2002-03 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	20,000	0	20,000	0
Total	20,000	0	20,000	0