

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. With a staff of 36, 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 Executive Budget recommends \$6.4 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. In addition, State funding is recommended for development of a federally mandated statewide voter registration database, the cost of which will largely be federally reimbursable. In 2003-04, the Office of General Services will provide administrative support (human resources, payroll and procurement services) to the State Board of Elections.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past 28 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, investigating violations of the Election Law and coordinating the State's responses to new Federal election requirements.

The Federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 will provide Federal funding for State and local election related initiatives including modernizing voting machines, developing a statewide voter registration database, training poll workers, providing voter education and assuring accessibility for the disabled. The Executive Budget recommends a total of \$68 million in Federal support to fund these initiatives.

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 5 million inquiries since January 2002.

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ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2002-03	Appropriations Recommended 2003-04	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2003-04
State Operations	3,601,000	9,455,000	5,854,000	0
Aid To Localities	0	65,000,000	65,000,000	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	3,601,000	74,455,000	70,854,000	0

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2002-03 Estimated FTEs 03/31/03	2003-04 Estimated FTEs 03/31/04	FTE Change
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	45	40	(5)
Total	45	40	(5)

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

Fund Type	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
General Fund	3,581,000	6,435,000	2,854,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	3,000,000	3,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	20,000	20,000	0
Total	3,601,000	9,455,000	5,854,000

Adjustments:

Prior Year Deficiency	
Elections, State Board of	
General Fund	300,000
Appropriated 2002-03	3,901,000

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

Program	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	3,581,000	6,435,000	2,854,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	3,000,000	3,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	20,000	20,000	0
Total	3,601,000	9,455,000	5,854,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2003-04 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	2,350,000	(116,000)	2,350,000	(116,000)
Total	2,350,000	(116,000)	2,350,000	(116,000)

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2003-04 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	4,085,000	2,970,000	1,085,000	(30,000)
Total	4,085,000	2,970,000	1,085,000	(30,000)

Program	Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	3,000,000	3,000,000
Total	3,000,000	3,000,000

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2003-04 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	3,020,000	3,000,000	3,020,000	3,000,000
Total	3,020,000	3,000,000	3,020,000	3,000,000

**AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	65,000,000	65,000,000
Total	0	65,000,000	65,000,000

**AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Program	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
Regulation of Elections	0	65,000,000	65,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	65,000,000	65,000,000
Total	0	65,000,000	65,000,000