

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. The Board also assists County Boards of Elections by completing administrative reviews, assisting in resolving complaints and producing reports and recommendations. The Board will have a workforce of 47 in 2005-06.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends \$3.6 million in General Fund support for the Board of Elections and includes an appropriation of \$7.7 million to allow the State to receive additional Federal election funding. A total of \$220 million in Federal funding is expected to be received for implementation of the Help America Vote Act. This funding will permit the Board to continue to carry out its various responsibilities related to the electoral process, including meeting upcoming deadlines for implementation of the Help America Vote Act, as well as voter outreach activities and interaction with local Boards of Elections.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past 30 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.

A priority of the Board remains the continued use of technology to provide services and information to local election boards and the public. Financial disclosure reports and election information on the Board's web site are accessed by an estimated 10 million requestors annually.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2004-05	Appropriations Recommended 2005-06	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2005-06
State Operations	3,865,000	51,429,000	47,564,000	0
Aid To Localities	0	180,000,000	180,000,000	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	3,865,000	231,429,000	227,564,000	0

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

Program	Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)		
	2004-05	2005-06	FTE Change
	Estimated FTEs 03/31/05	Estimated FTEs 03/31/06	
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	41	39	(2)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	8	8
Total	41	47	6

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

Fund Type	Available 2004-05	Recommended 2005-06	Change
General Fund	3,745,000	3,609,000	(136,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	40,000,000	40,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	120,000	7,820,000	7,700,000
Total	3,865,000	51,429,000	47,564,000

Adjustments:	
Transfer(s) From	
Special Pay Bill	
General Fund	(95,000)
Appropriated 2004-05	3,770,000

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

Program	Available 2004-05	Recommended 2005-06	Change
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	3,745,000	3,609,000	(136,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	40,000,000	40,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	120,000	7,820,000	7,700,000
Total	3,865,000	51,429,000	47,564,000

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2005-06 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	2,336,000	(15,000)	2,336,000	(15,000)
Total	2,336,000	(15,000)	2,336,000	(15,000)

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2005-06 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	1,273,000	(121,000)	1,273,000	(121,000)
Total	1,273,000	(121,000)	1,273,000	(121,000)

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2005-06 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	47,820,000	47,700,000	47,820,000	47,700,000
Total	47,820,000	47,700,000	47,820,000	47,700,000

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

Fund Type	Available 2004-05	Recommended 2005-06	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	180,000,000	180,000,000
Total	0	180,000,000	180,000,000

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

Program	Available 2004-05	Recommended 2005-06	Change
Regulation of Elections			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	180,000,000	180,000,000
Total	0	180,000,000	180,000,000