

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 is comprised of four commissioners, two chosen by each major political party. The Board 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 83 in 2007-08.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends over \$7.2 million in General Fund support for the Board of Elections. Further, the Executive Budget provides appropriations and reappropriations totaling over \$250 million, from Federal funds, for the implementation of the Help America Vote Act. This combined funding will permit the Board to continue to carry out its various responsibilities related to the electoral process, including HAVA initiatives, the continued development of a local campaign report database, increased enforcement of campaign finance filings, as well as voter outreach activities and interaction with local Boards of Elections. New resources are recommended to strengthen investigations into local campaign funding practices.

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 provides 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.

The Board will be called upon in 2007-08 to strengthen investigations into campaign financing. To facilitate this effort, 21 new positions have been added to the staff.

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ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2006-07	Appropriations Recommended 2007-08	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2007-08
State Operations	8,688,000	15,830,000	7,142,000	24,000,000
Aid To Localities	17,000,000	18,500,000	1,500,000	217,000,000
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	25,688,000	34,330,000	8,642,000	241,000,000

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2006-07 Estimated FTEs 03/31/07	2007-08 Estimated FTEs 03/31/08	FTE Change
Investigations of Campaign Financing			
General Fund	0	21	21
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	53	53	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	9	9	0
Total	62	83	21

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

Fund Type	Available 2006-07	Recommended 2007-08	Change
General Fund	4,688,000	7,230,000	2,542,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	4,000,000	8,600,000	4,600,000
Total	8,688,000	15,830,000	7,142,000

Adjustments:

Prior Year Deficiency			
Elections, State Board of			
General Fund	500,000		
Recommended Deficiency			
Elections, State Board of			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	(3,800,000)		
Appropriated 2006-07	5,388,000		

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

Program	Available 2006-07	Recommended 2007-08	Change
Investigations of Campaign Financing			
General Fund	0	1,500,000	1,500,000
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	4,688,000	5,730,000	1,042,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	4,000,000	8,600,000	4,600,000
Total	8,688,000	15,830,000	7,142,000

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2007-08 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Investigations of Campaign Financing	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Regulation of Elections	3,454,000	324,000	3,429,000	324,000
Total	4,454,000	1,324,000	4,429,000	1,324,000

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Investigations of Campaign Financing	0	0	0	0
Regulation of Elections	17,000	0	8,000	0
Total	17,000	0	8,000	0

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2007-08 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Investigations of Campaign Financing	500,000	500,000	100,000	100,000
Regulation of Elections	2,276,000	718,000	150,000	0
Total	2,776,000	1,218,000	250,000	100,000

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Investigations of Campaign Financing	50,000	50,000	250,000	250,000
Regulation of Elections	106,000	0	1,786,000	718,000
Total	156,000	50,000	2,036,000	968,000

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Investigations of Campaign Financing	100,000	100,000
Regulation of Elections	234,000	0
Total	334,000	100,000

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2007-08 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	8,600,000	4,600,000	8,600,000	8,000,000
Total	8,600,000	4,600,000	8,600,000	8,000,000

Program	Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	0	(3,400,000)
Total	0	(3,400,000)

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

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Available 2006-07</u>	<u>Recommended 2007-08</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund	5,000,000	0	(5,000,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	12,000,000	18,500,000	6,500,000
Total	<u>17,000,000</u>	<u>18,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>

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

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 2006-07</u>	<u>Recommended 2007-08</u>	<u>Change</u>
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	5,000,000	0	(5,000,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	12,000,000	18,500,000	6,500,000
Total	<u>17,000,000</u>	<u>18,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>