

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.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends over **\$22.3 million in All Funds (\$9.3 million General Fund, \$13 million Other Funds)** for the State Board of Elections. This is a **\$17 million All Funds** reduction and reflects net changes including a **\$2 million General Fund** increase to maintain the Statewide Voter Registration Database and accommodate inflationary adjustments; and a **\$19 million decrease in Other and Federal Funds**. The Board will have a workforce of **83 FTEs**, unchanged from 2007-08. The budget recommends reappropriating over **\$258 million** in unspent funds for the implementation of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

Major initiative:

- **Funding of Disability Accessible Voting Machines:** The budget provides \$10 million in funding for the purchase of HAVA compliant voting machines which could be used by disabled voters. This brings the total of supplemental funding to local governments for the implementation of HAVA to \$37 million.

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.

New York continues to work toward full compliance with HAVA and achieved a major milestone with the successful deployment in 2007 of the Statewide Voter Registration Database. In response to a Federal Court order, New York is moving towards full compliance with HAVA's voting machine requirements, beginning with the acquisition of disability accessible ballot marking devices for the September 2008 election. While New York has delayed HAVA implementation, the State has done so in a concerted effort to assure that any replacement voting machine conforms to State law, meet the needs of the State's disabled population and ensures that every vote in New York counts.

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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 2007-08	Appropriations Recommended 2008-09	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2008-09
State Operations	20,830,000	11,326,000	(9,504,000)	23,000,000
Aid To Localities	18,500,000	11,000,000	(7,500,000)	235,500,000
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	39,330,000	22,326,000	(17,004,000)	258,500,000

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2007-08 Estimated FTEs 03/31/08	2008-09 Estimated FTEs 03/31/09	FTE Change
Investigations of Campaign Financing			
General Fund	21	21	0
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	53	62	9
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	9	0	(9)
Total	83	83	0

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

Fund Type	Available 2007-08	Recommended 2008-09	Change
General Fund	7,230,000	9,326,000	2,096,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,000,000	0	(5,000,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	8,600,000	2,000,000	(6,600,000)
Total	20,830,000	11,326,000	(9,504,000)

Adjustments:

Prior Year Deficiency	
Elections, State Board of	
Special Revenue Funds - Other	3,800,000
Appropriated 2007-08	24,630,000

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

Program	Available 2007-08	Recommended 2008-09	Change
Investigations of Campaign Financing			
General Fund	1,500,000	1,500,000	0
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	5,730,000	7,826,000	2,096,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	5,000,000	0	(5,000,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	8,600,000	2,000,000	(6,600,000)
Total	20,830,000	11,326,000	(9,504,000)

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2008-09 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Investigations of Campaign Financing	1,250,000	0	1,250,000	0
Regulation of Elections	3,746,000	292,000	3,677,000	248,000
Total	4,996,000	292,000	4,927,000	248,000

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	61,000	44,000	8,000	0
Total	61,000	44,000	8,000	0

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2008-09 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Investigations of Campaign Financing	250,000	0	0	0
Regulation of Elections	4,080,000	1,804,000	250,000	100,000
Total	4,330,000	1,804,000	250,000	100,000

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Investigations of Campaign Financing	0	0	250,000	0
Regulation of Elections	125,000	19,000	3,465,000	1,679,000
Total	125,000	19,000	3,715,000	1,679,000

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Investigations of Campaign Financing	0	0
Regulation of Elections	240,000	6,000
Total	240,000	6,000

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2008-09 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	2,000,000	(11,600,000)	2,000,000	(6,600,000)
Total	2,000,000	(11,600,000)	2,000,000	(6,600,000)

Program	Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	0	(5,000,000)
Total	0	(5,000,000)

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

Fund Type	Available 2007-08	Recommended 2008-09	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	18,500,000	11,000,000	(7,500,000)
Total	18,500,000	11,000,000	(7,500,000)

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

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 2007-08</u>	<u>Recommended 2008-09</u>	<u>Change</u>
Regulation of Elections			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	18,500,000	11,000,000	(7,500,000)
Total	<u>18,500,000</u>	<u>11,000,000</u>	<u>(7,500,000)</u>