

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 2010-11 Executive Budget recommends **\$14.1 million All Funds** (\$6.1 million General Fund; \$8.0 million Other Funds) for the State Board of Elections. This is a net decrease of **\$14.8 million All Funds** (\$1.3 million General Fund decrease; \$8.0 million Federal Funds net decrease; \$5.5 million Other Funds decrease), the majority of which reflect non-recurring Help America Vote Act (HAVA) costs. The Board will have a projected staffing level of **63**.

Major budget actions include:

- **Help America Vote Act.** The budget recommends reappropriations of over \$176 million in unspent Federal funds for the HAVA.
- **Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act.** The Executive Budget recommends \$6.5 million in Federal funding to support the implementation of a federally-mandated statewide process ensuring absent uniform services members and overseas voters their right to vote.

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 by the 2010 elections.

ELECTIONS

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2009-10	Appropriations Recommended 2010-11	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2010-11
State Operations	13,395,000	13,135,000	(260,000)	16,000,000
Aid To Localities	15,500,000	1,000,000	(14,500,000)	176,900,000
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	28,895,000	14,135,000	(14,760,000)	192,900,000

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2009-10 Estimated FTEs 03/31/10	2010-11 Estimated FTEs 03/31/11	FTE Change
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	60	60	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	3	3	0
Total	63	63	0

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

Fund Type	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
General Fund	7,395,000	6,135,000	(1,260,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	6,500,000	6,500,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	6,000,000	500,000	(5,500,000)
Total	13,395,000	13,135,000	(260,000)

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

Program	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	7,395,000	6,135,000	(1,260,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	6,500,000	6,500,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	6,000,000	500,000	(5,500,000)
Total	13,395,000	13,135,000	(260,000)

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2010-11 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	4,162,000	241,000	4,093,000	196,000
Total	4,162,000	241,000	4,093,000	196,000

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	61,000	45,000	8,000	0
Total	61,000	45,000	8,000	0

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2010-11 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	1,973,000	(1,501,000)	80,000	(96,000)
Total	1,973,000	(1,501,000)	80,000	(96,000)

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	30,000	(98,000)	1,763,000	(1,161,000)
Total	30,000	(98,000)	1,763,000	(1,161,000)

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	100,000	(146,000)
Total	100,000	(146,000)

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2010-11 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	7,000,000	1,000,000	500,000	(5,500,000)
Total	7,000,000	1,000,000	500,000	(5,500,000)

Program	Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	6,500,000	6,500,000
Total	6,500,000	6,500,000

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

Fund Type	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	15,500,000	1,000,000	(14,500,000)
Total	15,500,000	1,000,000	(14,500,000)

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

Program	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
Regulation of Elections			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	15,500,000	1,000,000	(14,500,000)
Total	15,500,000	1,000,000	(14,500,000)