

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 monitoring statewide compliance with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) and the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE).

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The 2011-12 Executive Budget recommends **\$13.5 million** All Funds (\$5.5 million General Fund; \$8.0 million Other Funds) for the State Board of Elections. This is a General Fund decrease of **\$614,000 (-10 percent)** from the 2010-11 budget. The Executive Budget reduces each agency's General Fund State Operations budget by 10 percent. These savings are intended to be achieved through administrative efficiencies in non-personal service and negotiated workforce savings that minimize layoffs to the extent possible.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past 30 years, the scope of the Board's services has grown to include providing legal counsel to the 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 towards full compliance with federal election mandates and achieved a major milestone with the successful deployment in 2010 of new voting systems.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)				
Category	Available 2010-11	Appropriations Recommended 2011-12	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2011-12
State Operations	13,135,000	12,521,000	(614,000)	25,000,000
Aid To Localities	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	76,100,000
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	14,135,000	13,521,000	(614,000)	101,100,000

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)			
Program	2010-11 Estimated FTEs 03/31/11	2011-12 Estimated FTEs 03/31/12	FTE Change
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	60	60	0
Total	60	60	0

The above table does not reflect layoffs that may be necessary in the absence of negotiated workforce savings.

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

Fund Type	Available 2010-11	Recommended 2011-12	Change
General Fund	6,135,000	5,521,000	(614,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	6,500,000	6,500,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	500,000	500,000	0
Total	13,135,000	12,521,000	(614,000)

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

Program	Available 2010-11	Recommended 2011-12	Change
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	6,135,000	5,521,000	(614,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	6,500,000	6,500,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	500,000	500,000	0
Total	13,135,000	12,521,000	(614,000)

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2011-12 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	3,746,000	(416,000)	3,727,000	(366,000)
Total	3,746,000	(416,000)	3,727,000	(366,000)

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	15,000	(46,000)	4,000	(4,000)
Total	15,000	(46,000)	4,000	(4,000)

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2011-12 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	1,775,000	(198,000)	65,000	(15,000)
Total	1,775,000	(198,000)	65,000	(15,000)

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	25,000	(5,000)	1,610,000	(153,000)
Total	25,000	(5,000)	1,610,000	(153,000)

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	75,000	(25,000)
Total	75,000	(25,000)

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2011-12 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	7,000,000	0	500,000	0
Total	7,000,000	0	500,000	0

Program	Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	6,500,000	0
Total	6,500,000	0

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

Fund Type	Available 2010-11	Recommended 2011-12	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Total	1,000,000	1,000,000	0

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

Program	Available 2010-11	Recommended 2011-12	Change
Regulation of Elections			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Total	1,000,000	1,000,000	0