

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. With a staff of 45, the Board also assists County Boards of Elections by completing administrative reviews, assisting in resolving complaints and producing reports and recommendations.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends nearly \$3.7 million in General Fund support for the Board of Elections. This funding will permit the Board to continue to carry out its various responsibilities related to the electoral process, including voter outreach activities and interaction with local Boards of Elections. In addition, \$180 million in Federal funding is recommended for implementation of the Help America Vote Act.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Over the past 29 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 for the Board is expanding the use of modern technology in both its own operations and those of local Boards. In 1999, the agency implemented a system for the electronic filing of campaign financial disclosure statements, which are now readily accessible at the Board's internet web site. The web site has received over 5.2 million inquiries since January 2003.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2003-04	Appropriations Recommended 2004-05	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2004-05
State Operations	3,455,000	23,770,000	20,315,000	0
Aid To Localities	0	160,000,000	160,000,000	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	3,455,000	183,770,000	180,315,000	0

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2003-04 Estimated FTEs 03/31/04	2004-05 Estimated FTEs 03/31/05	FTE Change
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	40	39	(1)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	6	6
Total	<u>40</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>5</u>

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

Fund Type	Available 2003-04	Recommended 2004-05	Change
General Fund	3,435,000	3,650,000	215,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	20,000,000	20,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	20,000	120,000	100,000
Total	<u>3,455,000</u>	<u>23,770,000</u>	<u>20,315,000</u>

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

Program	Available 2003-04	Recommended 2004-05	Change
Regulation of Elections			
General Fund	3,435,000	3,650,000	215,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	20,000,000	20,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	20,000	120,000	100,000
Total	<u>3,455,000</u>	<u>23,770,000</u>	<u>20,315,000</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2004-05 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	2,256,000	(94,000)	2,256,000	(94,000)
Total	<u>2,256,000</u>	<u>(94,000)</u>	<u>2,256,000</u>	<u>(94,000)</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2004-05 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	1,394,000	309,000	1,394,000	309,000
Total	<u>1,394,000</u>	<u>309,000</u>	<u>1,394,000</u>	<u>309,000</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2004-05 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Regulation of Elections	20,120,000	20,100,000	20,120,000	20,100,000
Total	20,120,000	20,100,000	20,120,000	20,100,000

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

Fund Type	Available 2003-04	Recommended 2004-05	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	160,000,000	160,000,000
Total	0	160,000,000	160,000,000

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

Program	Available 2003-04	Recommended 2004-05	Change
Regulation of Elections			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	160,000,000	160,000,000
Total	0	160,000,000	160,000,000